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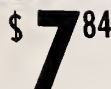
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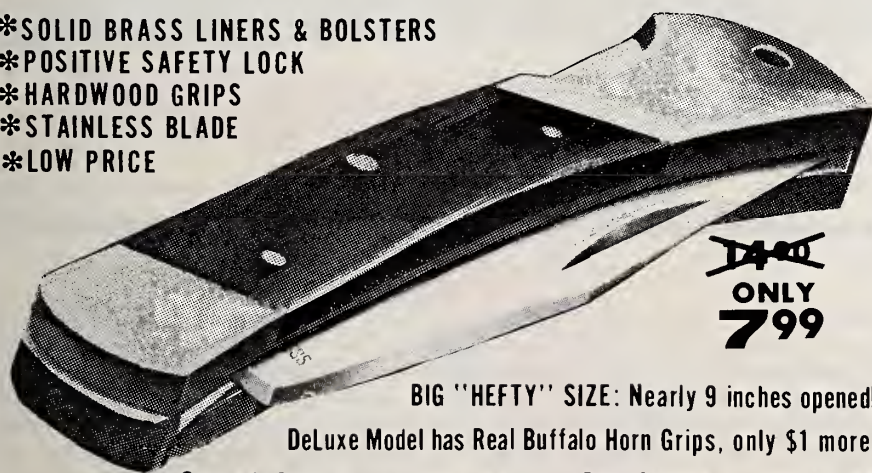
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About our authors . . .

While in the Far East last year, **Vernon Pizer**, a long-time journalist, saw firsthand many of the conditions that start rivers of refugees flowing toward America. After returning, he followed up his primary research by exploring what happens when that massive flow reaches these shores. In his article, "Destination: USA," Pizer relates his findings.

Al J. Stump, veteran sports writer and frequent contributor to this magazine, brings a special per-

spective to football with his article about mascots, "Hold That Tiger!" A member of the Los Angeles Good Fellowship American Legion Post, Stump has been an observer of the gridiron scene for more than 40 years.

"A Home For Mama" was written by **Jesse N. Bradley**, a World War II veteran, who, with his family, faced the dilemma he describes. Now retired, Bradley devotes much of his leisure time to freelance writing.

Warren G. Winters, author of "Fare-

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Lucille J. Goodyear, a frequent contributor to this magazine and other publications, wrote "Spooner vs. U.S. Postal System."

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Commander's Message

Our Voice In Congress



Michael J. Kogutek

The people have wielded their awesome power at the voting booth and a new Presidential Administration is about to take the reins of government. Power in the Senate has shifted from one party to another. Some 2,000 federal positions will be vacated and filled again. And, as this and more transpires, Americans are waiting to see what else, if anything, will change.

One thing is certain, though, The American Legion—nonpartisan and nonpolitical—remains the same. Our advocacy on behalf of America's 30 million veterans has not changed. Our 182 legislative mandates for 1981 have not changed. Our concern for the defense of America and her allies has not changed. Throughout it all, our voice will continue to be heard on Capitol Hill.

Though our objectives are unaffected by politics, new relationships must be established and old ones renewed as we strive to make our goals realities. Therefore, I have directed the National Headquarters staff to form liaisons with key task forces involved in our areas of commitment to ensure that Legion viewpoints and mandates are known and understood.

We have enlarged our Legislative staff so as to have a greater opportunity than previously to work with the House and Senate Budget and Appropriations Committees. These liaisons are vitally important because

virtually everything approved by Congressional committees is automatically reviewed by the budget and appropriations people. It is a hollow victory, indeed, to be instrumental in getting important legislation passed only to see it die due to lack of funding. I believe that our relationship with these key committees will forestall that happening in 1981.

A new Administration—and this time, new control of the Senate—always requires, to some extent, a re-ordering of priorities and a concerted effort to solidify gains made under previous Administrations. This we will do, but we will do more. The time seems right for making genuine headway in defense-related legislation. We are also hoping to see passage of the Education Incentive Program which, we feel, will aid in recruitment of quality military personnel and be instrumental in their retention.

As mounting pressure is exerted to balance the federal budget, we must not let Congress forget our nation's debt to her veterans; consequently, we will scrutinize matters dealing with the VA. In doing so, we begin with the fact that 84 percent of the VA's budget comprises statutory benefits, e.g., compensation, pensions, GI Bill and death benefits. According

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to law, these must be paid. The remainder can be cut. We are strongly opposed to such cuts because these funds pay for medical care for veterans, medical research, and for hospital construction and maintenance.

Obviously, all of our goals for the 97th Congress cannot be listed here. Each year, The American Legion becomes involved with more than 150 issues of substance ranging from veterans preference to prayer in public schools. Since we do not endorse or finance political candidates, our influence in Congress must be established through grassroots activity.

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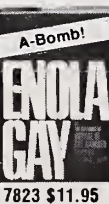
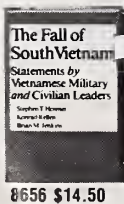
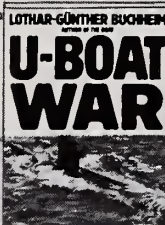
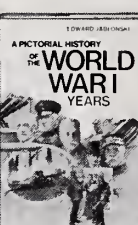
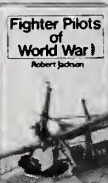
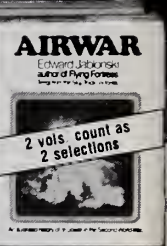
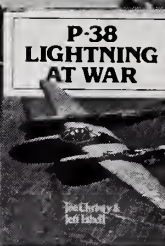
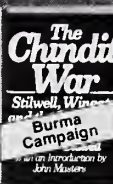
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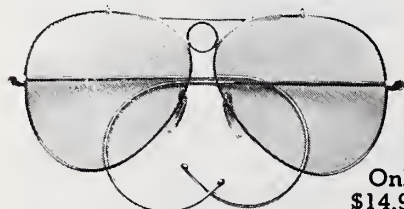
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Letters

Marines

• As a former member of the Marine Corps of the Korean War era, I was inspired by "The New Marines" (November). Although new methods of training are employed, the drill instructors still turn out the best-conditioned fighting men in the service. They are still the backbone of the Corps.

ROBERT E. WEYENBERG
Menasha, WI

• The article on recruit training fairly describes one of our most important institutions. The boot camp experience is unquestionably the cornerstone in the making of a Marine. We will not change that unless it is to make it tougher.

GEN. R. H. BARROW
Commandant of the Marine Corps

Small Business

• I read with sympathetic depth of understanding the article "Give Small Business a Fighting Chance" (November). As a casualty of highly capitalized competition following WWII, I experienced the survival squeeze that a small business often encounters for lack of access to sufficient capital. We were forced to close our business and go on to other fields. Let us hope that the Small Business Administration will cease the flood of regulations now strangling many of our Vietnam veterans and others, thus hindering their individual contributions to the private enterprise system.

BENNIE LEVITON
Memphis, TN

Many friends of both railroads and small business have contacted us concerning the location of the converted railroad station shown on the cover of our November issue. The "Whistle Stop" sausage and cheese shop is situated just off the tracks in the Broad Ripple section of Indianapolis.—The Editors

• I would like to convey my appreciation for the article "Give Small

Letters published do not necessarily express the policy of The American Legion. We reserve the right to both edit and select letters for publication.

Business A Fighting Chance" (November). In my opinion the proposed freezing of the minimum wage law, as mentioned in the article, could well be changed to total repeal of this law. In view of the barrier against full employment that this law maintains, it is not suited to the free enterprise system.

DAN J. McRAE
Rosalia, WA

Commander's Message

• I sincerely agree with Commander Kogutek's, "Commander's Message" (November), and his thoughts on patriotism and respect for the Flag, the Pledge of Allegiance and our National Anthem. I am 23 years old and in the military. From my observations it appears that only about 10 percent of my classmates have patriotic feelings similar to mine. The question is: are we turning away from our ideals?

LEWIS HAWTHORNE
Memphis, TN

Armored Car

• I thoroughly enjoyed "Colonel Davidson's Armored Car" (October). Throughout the years the American military establishment has produced men of great vision and determination such as Colonel Davidson. It is good to read from time to time that these outstanding military men are remembered by writers as resourceful as Al. P. Nelson.

ROBERT B. HANCOCK
Evanston, IL

Classic Photographs

• In regard to "Classic Photographs of World War I" (November), Brig. Gen. Douglas MacArthur did indeed command the 84th Brigade, but he also commanded the entire 42d Division for over a month in October and November 1918. At 38, he was the youngest division commander of WWI.

SAMUEL H. OAKLEY
Berkeley, CA

• I enjoyed reading and viewing "Classic Photographs of World War I." My recollection of November 11, 1918, was that at 11 a.m. that day
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F. Schmitt—Beaver Falls, PA

Big Issues

Should Congress

Approve Funds For New Nerve Gas Weapons?



*Sen. William L. Armstrong
(R-CO)*

Yes. No weapon of war—not even the atomic bomb—has inspired such skin-crawling fear as has poison gas.

The world's revulsion led to the Geneva Protocol of 1925, which banned the use of chemical and biological weapons. But more nations continued to produce and store poison gas, just in case.

Nazi Germany built a huge stockpile of the nerve gas Tabun, but refrained from using it out of the mistaken belief that the Allies possessed large amounts of equally deadly chemical weapons.

After the war, the United States, Britain and Russia divided this Tabun stockpile. The U.S. and Britain dumped most of theirs at sea. The Russians took theirs home and went on to produce great quantities of this gas. The primary nerve gas in the Soviet arsenal today—Soman—is a direct descendant of Tabun.

In response to Soviet stockpiling of poison gas, the U.S. built its own chemical weapons arsenal, but never felt comfortable with it. We began negotiations which led to a ban on biological weapons in 1972, and have been working since 1975 to extend that prohibition to chemical weapons as well.

Meanwhile, we unilaterally destroyed most of our stockpile of chemical weapons and we have manufactured no new ones since 1969.

The Russians responded to our chemical disarmament by increasing the size and sophistication of their poison gas arsenal. The Soviets now have a stockpile of between 300,000 and 700,000 tons of chemical munitions.

Soviet military doctrine calls for employment of nerve gas in the event of a war. Every Red Army tank and armored personnel carrier is equipped with chemical detection alarm systems and efficient air filtration systems. Every Soviet soldier is equipped with a gas mask and protective clothing and receives extensive chemical warfare training.

Any doubts we might have had about Soviet willingness to use their chemical arsenal should have been dispelled by recent events in Afghanistan. Hundreds of refugees pouring into Pakistan have testified to Soviet gas attacks on defenseless Afghan villages.

I believe it is essential for the United States to rebuild its stockpile of chemical weapons to serve as a deterrent.

There are those who regard the building of chemical weapons as immoral. They should remember, however, that Hitler was deterred from using his enormous stockpile of nerve gas not from any humanitarian consideration, but from his mistaken belief the Allies possessed equal quantities of gas with which to retaliate in kind.

The Soviets will be under no such illusions if we don't go ahead with the chemical weapons plant at Pine Bluff Arsenal, AR.



*Sen. David H. Pryor
(D-AR)*

No. Before adjourning, the 96th Congress, with very little debate, authorized and appropriated \$3.15 million to construct a nerve gas production facility at Pine Bluff Arsenal, AR, and an additional \$19 million to equip the facility. Thus, we find ourselves today "backing into" a reversal of a 10-year policy against further production of chemical weapons.

Before we go any further, we should stop and reexamine our position. The facts available to us simply do not justify a direct reversal of our prior policy on nerve gas.

Proponents of resuming nerve gas production justify this step on the grounds that the new gas would be "binary," i.e., the gas would be produced by two non-lethal chemicals combining to create a lethal gas. There is no military advantage to binary gas—the advantages are merely those of additional safety in storage and transportation.

We currently have an enormous supply of nerve gas and chemical weapons. Most of these supplies are not obsolete and have not deteriorated; much of that termed "unserviceable" simply needs new paint or fuses to become serviceable. They can kill as many people as ever.

Even though the Army maintains that we need nerve gas for our allies in Europe, the truth is our allies will not even let us store additional nerve gas stockpiles on their soil. Therefore, it is highly unlikely any newly produced nerve gas would ever leave U.S. shores.

Resumption of nerve gas production is not necessary for our defense capabilities. Protective clothing and masks which are standard issue in the European theater make soldiers practically invulnerable to nerve gas. Therefore, the result is that nerve gas kills civilians who do not possess masks and protective clothing.

Advocates of resuming nerve gas production point to the Soviet's use of lethal gas in Afghanistan. To date, however, the CIA has not found conclusive evidence to support this allegation.

When the Senate considered this issue, I cosponsored an amendment which would have delayed Congressional action pending submission of an Administration study on the military, foreign policy, and arms control aspects of proceeding with construction of a production facility. This amendment failed by one vote. Thus, the Congress acted without this vital information or a Presidential request for these funds, and in spite of the public opposition of the Secretaries of Defense and State.

The effort to move toward the resumption of nerve gas production is based more on fears and unfounded perceptions than facts. We should not spend billions of dollars on a program of dubious military value and potentially monumental inhumanity without the most searching examinations, and close consultation with our allies.

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Some Auto Insurance Money-Savers

As the cost of automobile ownership continues to climb, review your insurance for costly leaks. Check these money-saving angles:

1. **Deductibles:** The more risk you assume yourself, the lower your insurance bill. If your car is around three years old, or worth only about \$1,000, you may want to drop collision insurance entirely, and perhaps comprehensive coverage (if you are stuck with a loss, you likely can deduct some of it from income taxes). Even if your car is new, don't insure against minor scratches and dents—insure against major losses.

2. **Discounts:** Many companies offer a variety of discounts to non-smokers, non-drinkers, the elderly, and for low mileage. Such reductions could amount to 5 to 10 percent.

3. **Multiple Coverage:** If you have more than one car, your premiums usually will be lower if you insure them all through one company.

4. **Payments:** You will avoid a penalty if you pay your annual premiums in a lump sum. On the other hand, if your premiums are large, you may be better off to take the penalty and keep your money in investments.

5. **Young Drivers:** Insurance rates go up precipitously when younger drivers have access to the vehicle. You can minimize the jump by 1) having your child attend a recognized driver training course and 2) by encouraging them to keep their scholastic grades high. Both may qualify for a discount.

Shop carefully for auto insurance—rates and conditions vary considerably. Also, don't automatically buy insurance from a car dealer. You may do better on your own.

Mind Your Mortgage P's and Q's

If you intend to buy a house this year with mortgage money, better brush up on your math first. Because of inflation, mortgage terms and types are getting to be as complex as chess. Overall, they fit into three distinct categories:

1. **Fixed Rate:** This is the venerable, conventional type with a constant rate for the life of the loan. But it's starting to disappear because lenders feel it works against them.

2. **Variable Rate:** Here the interest rate can move up or down according to an index. The version called "variable rate" permits changes of ½ percent per year for a maximum 2½ percent over the life of the mortgage. Another—the "renegotiable rate mortgage" (RRM)—allows changes every three to five years for a maximum of 5 percent over the haul. More and more lenders are pushing the variable variety because it gives them a better break.

3. **Reduced-Payment:** Right off, while this type will decrease monthly payments, it also is likely to cost considerably more in the long run. One variation is the "graduated payment" mortgage, under which payments start low, then eventually rise to a higher plateau. Another—the "pledged account mortgage" (FLIP)—applies part of your down payment to monthly installments, thus shrinking them. A third—the "shared appreciation mortgage"—guarantees the lender a cut in the profits when you sell the property.

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Cruises: More ships have been added to the winter fun runs, so there should be no problem getting reservations. Prices will be up over last year, though, so expect to spend \$130-\$160 per day per person on a voyage. On the other hand, remember: that amount covers transportation, lodging, meals and entertainment.

By Edgar A. Grunwald

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A Home For Mama

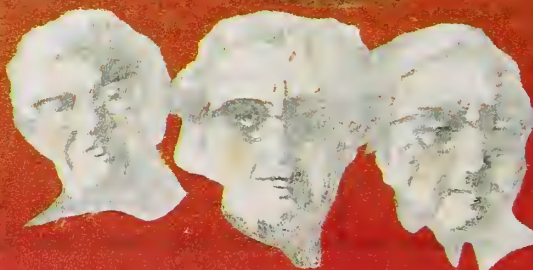


After their mother suffered a stroke, four brothers faced one of life's most heart-rending problems

By Jesse N. Bradley

"I just found Mama lying on her bedroom floor," my brother said. "She doesn't know when or why she fell, but I believe she's had a stroke."

His telephone call was not entirely unexpected—at 86, Mama had already exceeded her statistically allotted life span and had lived alone for 24 years. We, her four sons, looked after her as much as our own jobs and family commitments permitted, but no amount of concern could halt the gradual deterioration of mind and body caused by the accumulating ailments of aging. Her cooking, housekeeping and personal care grew progressively worse, and she spent more and more of her time in bed. Clearly, one of us would soon find her just as my brother had. The only question was which one and when.



Julia Besch

In the emergency room, Mama could hardly talk, but the puzzled, frightened look in her eyes told us that she knew something momentous was happening to her, something strange and perhaps final. In my 56 years I had never seen her afraid of anything or anybody.

"Your mother has had one or more small strokes," the doctor told us after his examination, "but it will take several days to determine how much damage has been done."

Mama's condition grew steadily worse. After three days she dropped into a deep coma, tenuously tied to life by glucose tube and oxygen hose. We had decided beforehand, with her concurrence, that we would never permit such a painful, prolonging process, but her doctor—bless him—would not even listen to our anguished objections.

"She is my patient," he chided us gently but firmly, "and I must do the best I can for her each day. When she has no chance for recovery, we'll discuss the subject again."

He was right, we had given up too soon. Five days later Mama suddenly awoke. "Son, what are you doing here?" she said to me. "You should be at work this time of day."

At first, her speech was faltering and slurred, and she could not coordinate her arms and legs. Her long-term memory for such things as family names and birthdays remained intact, but she could not remember what she had eaten for lunch or who had visited her in the past hour. She was occasionally irrational, irritable and demanding. Worst of all, she could not control her elimination processes. Mama was still very sick, but her mental and physical condition improved steadily each day.

After three weeks, her doctor told me, "Your mother has improved so much she no longer needs hospital care. Under HEW-Medicare regulations, she must be discharged. However, she will never be able to live alone again. I recommend that you move her to a nursing home where she can get custodial care and daily therapy."

Nursing home! The idea was instantly repulsive. Taken separately "nursing" and "home" are comforting, caring words. Combined, they form one of the most negative and dreaded terms in the English language—a

"A dozen times that grim night . . . I assured my tearful wife that we had done the best we could for Mama . . ."

term that brings to mind a dreary, smelly place filled with helpless, hopeless people; a house of no return where heartless clods dump their elderly relatives to die.

My three brothers were equally appalled. Had not Mama borne us, nursed us, cleaned our dirty bottoms, cooked and cared for us in our childhood years? Could not we at least do the same for her in the infirm twilight of her life? What would our relatives think? Our friends and hers? We found, as most families facing the same situation will find, that we were poorly prepared to cope with such an emotionally wracking problem, that our options were few, our physical and financial resources limited, and our time for decision-making short.

Early on, we established what proved to be a sound guideline. Our decision, whatever it would be, must not only provide good care for Mama, but must also allow the least interruption to our normal patterns of living.

This common sense, realistic ground rule is strongly recommended to anyone who must wrestle with the same heart-rending problem. Your beloved relative may still have a long life ahead, and the burden that seems so light at the beginning—and is undertaken so willingly and lovingly—will assuredly become onerous and abrasive when compounded through the years.

If we refused to consider a nursing home, where would Mama live? We could think of only three possibilities. *First*, she could stay a month at a time with each of us, then, gypsy-like, pack her bag and move on to the next—a homeless transient for the rest of her days.

Second, she could move in permanently with one of us, but which one? Would it be fair to one to have his family life drastically disrupted while the others, equally responsible, were so unequally burdened?

Which husband would, in effect, sentence his wife to an indefinite term as nursemaid for his mother? Which wife would agree that "cherish in sickness and in health" includes mother-in-law, and that emptying her bedpan a dozen times a day comes with the territory? Hard, disturbing questions all, but better to face them openly now than allow them to poison the wellspring of family good will later.

Third, Mama could go back to her own home in the country if we could find dependable, full-time, live-in help, and also solve the logistics problems. This arrangement, which at first glance seemed the most attractive, turned out to be the most difficult and expensive of all.

None of the options seemed acceptable. When examined in detail, each violated our guideline. No matter how we tried to avoid it, our discussion kept returning to the forbidden solution. In the end, the painful decision was unanimous: Mama must go into a nursing home.

Our sense of relief at settling that difficult question was short-lived. Lacking knowledge or experience, how would we determine which nursing homes were satisfactory, which one was the best? The lessons learned in our selection process, and later, are useful to others facing the same problem.

In most areas there will be only a few facilities to choose from. The first step in the selection process is to visit all of them, talk to the management personnel and inspect the premises. The obviously unsatisfactory ones will quickly eliminate themselves. The better ones welcome such inspections, and the staff will openly and sympathetically discuss services, responsibilities and rates.

The principal things to look for are:

- The buildings should be in good repair and the grounds well kept. There should be safe outside walking and sitting areas and ample parking space for staff and visitors.

- The facility should have fire doors, fire extinguishers and fire alarms, and the staff should hold regular fire drills. The patients and their property must be protected against prowlers, but the security locks and building layout must per-

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Mike IV of LSU is 500 pounds of Bengal tiger that "mascots" for a living.

Hold That Tiger!

By Al J. Stump

To drum rolls and the crowd's roar, 1,400-pound Ralphie led the University of Colorado football squad onto the field. Ralphie didn't just *appear* at the Indiana game early this season—the great, shaggy bison all but stole the show. Dragging six handlers behind on tie-ropes and scattering rival players, Ralphie charged downfield, threatening to flatten a goalpost. "She's the biggest, toughest mascot in captivity," said Coach Chuck Fairbanks of the Colorado Buffaloes, "and quite an asset to us."

College gridiron mascots have grown in size and variety since the U.S. Naval Academy adopted the first of them in 1890—a billygoat named Bill. Today a wild, raucous zoo of beasts, birds and reptiles parade on the sideline, bringing—it's fervently believed—good luck to the home team. Having adopted animal nicknames, schools back that up with live specimens who imply that the footballers they represent will eat their opponents for lunch . . . and still be hungry. Campus-pet mascots also receive luxurious room and board because they're fun and add to the rah-rah spirit.

An off-the-range American cow bison, Ralphie is a "hot act" on game-time television. But so is Mike IV, the roaring Bengal tiger of Louisiana State University; a longhorn steer at Texas U. named Bevo; a belligerent razorback hog, Big Red IV, at Arkansas U.; a mighty golden eagle at Auburn U.; and a brace of pesky black bears at Baylor U.

Among so many other crowd pleasers, it isn't easy for Colorado's Ralphie to stand out. "But she does, because there aren't many mascots who've been named Homecoming

Queen as has Ralphie," point out the buff's trainers. "She was also thought to be a male, then got pregnant and had to have her name changed from 'Ralph.'"

The former Ralph made more headlines a while ago when she was kidnapped by Air Force Academy cadets. Daubed with Academy silver-and-gold colors, she was paraded before 45,000 fans at Falcon Stadium in Colorado Springs. Someday, vow Colorado students, they'll have revenge.

If so, they'll have to "birdnap" the Air Force Academy's famed aerial circus of stunting, diving falcons. A dozen strong, they swoop down from the stadium's rim at 80 mph to seize meat lures at midfield—a thrill-

Arabian known across the United States. Discovered at the Tournament of Roses parade and drafted by USC, Traveler I pranced, danced and "kissed" movie starlets. His modern successor, Traveler III, is just as photogenic and often appears in Hollywood films. It's tradition at the Los Angeles Coliseum for the stallion to celebrate every touchdown with a gallop around the track. "It may sound exaggerated, but Traveler definitely is a psychological weapon," says Coach John Robinson of USC. "The sight of him inspires our players."

It's intimidating to visitors to hear the noise produced by the white horse. Notre Dame once rented a similar steed and had him tear up some turf at practice sessions to accustom the Irish to such a distraction.

Then there's Ragnar, 300-odd pounds of untamed boar. One night while penned on a farm near the University of Arkansas (the Razorbacks) campus, Ragnar killed seven rattlesnakes and ate all but a few bones of a coyote who invaded his territory. Big Red III replaced Ragnar. "Orneriest animal in the country," remarked Arkansas U. football trainer Mike McDonald. "Big Red went crazy once, almost gored a man and chased four of us up a tree."

For the coming campaign, Arkansas will feature Big Red IV, imported from Australia. Fake steam pours from his cage when the team's doing well. Fayetteville, AR, fans by the thousands wear "Hog Ties." Their battle cry is "Soooooooo—eey!"

Superstitious porker backers don't forget that in 1977, when their "king pig" escaped and was fatally shot by a farmer while chasing his sow, Arkansas lost its only game of the

"The question of which is the biggest ham among mascots is widely debated."

ing show. Navy's Bill XXVI (at least 12 Navy goats have been swiped by Army over the seasons) was so shocked when he first saw the swooping prairie falcons that he bolted.

Some school symbols have been born at dramatic moments. Early in the 1963 Rose Bowl game, the Southern California Trojans were driving for a touchdown against Wisconsin. As they scored, a gleaming white horse carrying a sword-waving rider in Trojan uniform burst from a tunnel and raced about the bowl.

That was the debut of Traveler, probably the best-known horse in sports. Television made the 16-hand

Rig Red (right) of the Arkansas Razorbacks shares billing with other greats (clockwise from left): Ralphie, University of Colorado's bison; King Chinook, University of Washington's malamute; and Billy, U.S. Naval Academy's goat.



ARKANSAS

Football's menagerie ranges from bison to Bengal tigers with few omissions in between

year, to Texas U., 13-9.

For 45 years, Louisiana State fanatics have baked pies, held raffles, staged campus Most Ugly Man contests and passed the hat to support 500 pounds of expensive Bengal tiger. Before the kickoff, Mike IV's caretakers urge him to roar. On cue from his "tiger lair" cage, Mike issues a jungle bellow heard through Tiger Stadium.

"Our first Bengal, back in 1936, stopped traffic," said retired LSU coach Charley McClendon. "It was such a jam that school had to be dismissed for the day."

Mikes are very lucky. In 1936, Mike I "led" the Fighting Tigers to an undefeated season, and lasted 20 years on the job. In 1958, when a new Mike reigned, LSU won the national championship with an 11-0-0 record. Complaints used to be heard to the effect that the cats were too confined, so Mike IV now lives in spacious, air-conditioned quarters adjacent to the arena. Each day he puts away 12 pounds of Zoo-Preen, an exotic mixture of horsemeat and nutrients. How is Mike transported to special events? By Flying Tiger Airline, how else?

The question of which is the biggest ham among mascots is widely debated. At the Peach Bowl in Atlanta last January, two members of the Baylor Bears squad were especially prominent. When Baylor's plane landed and a cargo hatch was opened, out shot a pair of black blurs, scattering airport personnel as they headed for the nearest timber. And the chase after Abner and Daisy Mae was on.

At two years old, Ab and Daisy are extroverts. Failing to receive their favorite ration of 7-Up and Dr. Pep-

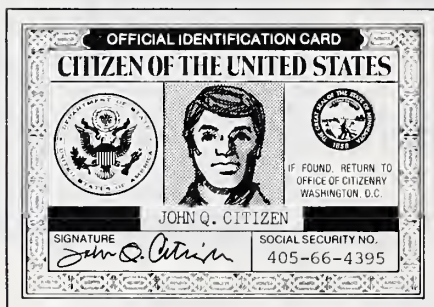
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Destination: USA

Can we still afford the "huddled masses yearning to breathe free"?

Cuban, Vietnamese and Mexican refugees (right) of recent years have prompted the United States to take a long, hard look at immigration policies.



Some factions advocate the issuance of a national identification card to help the United States curb illegal immigration.

By Vernon Pizer

The small shops entice passersby: food stores with jars of fish sauce and fermented cabbage stacked in neat pyramids, bins of brown, knobby vegetables and packages of strange herbs and spices; dress shops whose display mannequins reveal shapely legs through the thigh-high slits in their colorful *ao dais*; record shops from which filters atonal music played in the upper registers; housewares stores with their terra-cotta Buddhas, their bamboo steamers, and their lacquered bowls and ivory chopsticks. Suddenly there is the crump of artillery quite close, but the Orientals thronging the street ignore it. This is "Saigon on the Potomac" and the 20,000 Vietnamese refugees who live here in northern Virginia know that it is only the salute guns at nearby Fort Myer.

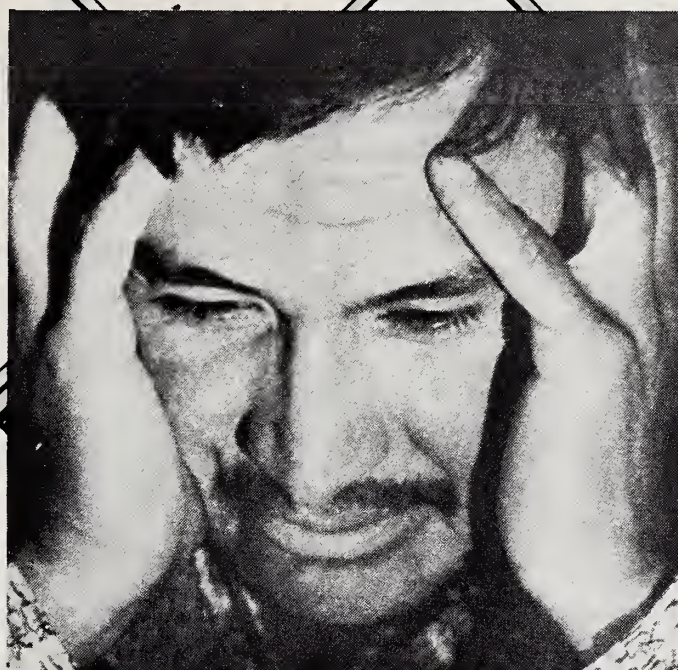
On the other side of the continent, transplanted Samoans create a "Little Polynesia" in Carson, CA. In mid-America Iowa, 2,000 Laotians make new lives for themselves; thousands of their countrymen do likewise in scattered enclaves from Selma, AL, to Providence, RI. A flow of Arabs coagulate into Moslem communities from Brooklyn to Dearborn.

New York City has so many Latins that the harried subway authority, plagued by communications barriers, sends detachments of its transit police to Dartmouth College for crash, total-immersion courses in Spanish. Public health officials in Miami, to deal effectively with mentally ill Haitians, have to include *hougans*—witch doctors—in their medical system to reassure superstitious patients that treatments prescribed by psychiatrists are compatible with voodoo.

The indisputable truth is that the world is awash today with rivers of migrants and most of those rivers flow toward the United States. According to Leon Davico, spokesman for the UN High Commission for Refugees, "It is difficult to obtain an accurate estimate of the number of refugees and displaced persons worldwide at any given time, but 10 million would be a conservative estimate."

Many others believe Davico is much too conservative. In the opinion of Eugene Eidenberg, White House advisor on intergovernmental affairs, "There are 16 million refugees in the world right now and 90 percent of them want to come to the United States."

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Whoever may be more nearly right, it is clear that an imaginary dart tossed randomly at the world stands a fair chance of impaling someone driven from his homeland by untenable political or economic conditions or by the upheaval of war or revolution. It is a tragic exodus of hapless souls from everywhere—Afghanistan to Zaire, literally A to Z. For vast numbers of those desperately seeking a better, more secure life for themselves and their families, America is the great magnet.

In 1980 alone, the refugee inflow to the United States included some 168,000 Indochinese, 120,000 Cubans, 50,000 Russians and Eastern Europeans and 20,000 Haitians. This was superimposed upon the regular immigration into the U.S., under the quota system, of almost 275,000 persons. In addition, roughly half that number were admitted outside the quota because they were closely related to American citizens. And beyond all of this, there were the illegals flowing through the nation's porous borders or simply staying on after expiration of tourist or student visas. How many these amount to is guesswork, but some idea of the weight of their numbers can be gleaned from the startling fact that

the undermanned Immigration and Naturalization Service apprehends illegal aliens at an annual rate around the one-million mark. Thus, the legal inflow in 1980 pushed past 750,000, but the total inflow—adding the illegals to the legals—could have been twice that number.

It is these enormous figures that have become the eye around which a storm of controversy swirls. It is a storm that refuses to blow itself out;

The world is awash today with rivers of migrants and most flow toward the United States.

instead it intensifies with the passing weeks. The central issue is clear: how wide should we—can we—open the door to the U.S. for all those who wish to enter? Is there a point at which, weighing the economic and social strains of unrestricted immigration, we should bar any further influx? Or should we, a nation of immigrants with a heritage of compassion and generosity, extend a hand of welcome to all who seek en-

trance? A spate of claims and counterclaims tends to obscure reasoned, objective analysis of these matters. What are the facts?

The first salient fact is that American taxpayers have to dig deep to cover the costs that massive immigration imposes. Last year's major influx of Cubans, and to a lesser extent Haitians, demonstrates how deep they have to dig. According to Vincent Palmieri, U.S. Coordinator for Refugee Affairs, the price tag for the federal government for the "freedom flotilla" came to \$485 million for fiscal year 1980 alone. But it isn't only the federal treasury that is being tapped. State and local treasuries are also being squeezed for health, welfare, emergency housing and other services. To cope with the flotilla's children while the influx was peaking, the Dade County (Miami) board of education had to provide *each week* the added classroom capacity, teachers and supplies equivalent to an entire elementary school.

All these costs—federal, state and local—would be a significant burden in the best of times, but this is not the best of times for the American economy. To provide funds for refugees often means that they must be

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Spooner vs.

There didn't seem to be any way to lick the high cost of postage until Lysander Spooner came to the rescue

By Lucille J. Goodyear

Since 1971, the cost of sending a letter has gone up 150 percent. Our mail service seems slower each day. And, there appears to be no feasible solution or alternative in sight. Like the weather, everyone talks and complains about the high postal rates and apparently slower service, but no one knows what to do about them.

Perhaps we need another Lysander Spooner. Lysander who? *The Lysander Spooner*, a fiercely independent New Englander who went to battle and brought about a change in the postal system. He could also be called the "Father of the three-cent stamp."

Born on a farm in Athol, MA, in 1808, young Spooner studied law, pamphleteered and crusaded for dozens of causes before hitting upon an adversary worthy of his mettle: the United States Post Office, and he almost put it out of business!

By 1844, the spiraling postal rates had so irked Spooner that he began an extensive study of the situation. There was no question that rates were much too high. It cost 18¾ cents to send a letter from Boston to New York and 25 cents to send one all the way to Washington, DC. A letter sent from Boston to Albany, NY, written on a ¼-ounce sheet of paper and carried by the Western Railroad, cost ⅔ as much as the freight charge for carrying a barrel of flour the same distance. Spooner's summation of his study was succinct: high cost and no service.

People were trying numerous means to circumvent high postage rates and, for the most part, were failing. To those who tried to outmaneuver the Post Office, Spooner gave a loud and heartfelt "hurrah," but he could see that they were

fighting a losing battle. With no other solution in sight, he decided to go into competition with the U.S. Government.

To begin with, Spooner couldn't understand why the Post Office should have a monopoly on mail delivery. He was schooled enough in law, however, to know that the Constitution ordered Congress to provide for mail delivery and it had done so with a postal department. But the wily Spooner found a loophole—the Constitution did *not* declare that a private citizen could not do likewise.

Spooner squared off for battle! With the loophole as his main ammunition, he organized his own postal service and audaciously named it "The American Letter Mail Company." The company offered to deliver letters, with no limit on weight, at reduced rates. He even ran an ad on the front page of the "New York Daily Tribune" with the following information: "AMERICAN POST OFFICE—The American Letter Mail Company has established post offices in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Boston, and will transmit letters daily from each city to the others—twice a day between New York and Philadelphia. Postage 6¼ cents per each half-ounce, payable in advance always. Stamps 20 for a dollar. Their purpose is to carry letters by the most rapid conveyances, and at the cheapest rates and to extend their operations (as fast as patronage will justify) over the principal routes of the country, so as to give the public the most extensive facilities for correspondence that can be afforded at a uniform rate.

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ters—the grounds on which they assert this right are published and for sale at the post offices in pamphlet form.”

The public enthusiastically approved the venture. Congress, however, was sputtering and the Postal Department was howling—all of Washington was enraged. How dare Spooner do this? How dare he so openly flout the Constitution? Government postal revenues took a nose dive while “The American Letter Mail Company” went merrily on its way picking up the postal business everywhere.

Washington lawmakers had no intention of sitting still for any of “that Spooner’s shenanigans.” The midnight oil burned as attorneys pored over their books. Soon, the suits against Spooner and his cohorts began. Railroad heads were given full warning that government mails would be removed unless space and passage were refused to private letter carriers. It was “round one” for the government when an agent of Spooner’s company was found guilty and fined for transporting letters in a railroad car over a postroad of the United States.

But “round two” went to Spooner when a U.S. District Judge advised the jury that owners of conveyances were not liable under law if, unknown to the owners, a letter carrier brought mail aboard a train or steamboat. The “not guilty” verdict was sustained by a U.S. Circuit Court which expressed doubt that the U.S. had the right to monopolize the transportation of mail. This was tantamount to a commendation of Spooner’s theories.

For the postal officials it was a low blow and they sought further legal means to put an end to Spooner and his trouble-making company. More court reversals followed. Finally, the

Postmaster General felt he had to bow to the issues and went before Congress to plead for the authority to lower postal rates.

In March 1845, a reduction of postal rates was approved and put into effect that July. Letters weighing less than a half ounce could be sent any distance under 300 miles for five cents. Even the rates for newspapers were reevaluated and changed so they could be mailed without charge within a 30-mile radius.

Spooner, feeling that his efforts and his company were doing a great deal of good for the citizens of the land, was not through fighting. His counteraction caused even greater consternation to his opponents—he lowered his rates. So the battle of law and loopholes continued.

In 1851, Congress again lowered rates and simultaneously enacted a law to protect the government’s monopoly on the distribution of mail. Whereas threats of jail had not fazed or dampened Spooner’s zeal in the fight, the latter move by Congress forced him into defeat.

Later that year, Congress lowered the postal rate to three cents for delivery anywhere in the country. In 1958, it had climbed to four cents and has not stopped climbing since.

As for Spooner, his great battle had ended and his company was disbanded. He died in 1887, his death barely noticed by the public. No one seemed to remember the man who had been able to show everyone what old-fashioned courage and enterprise, plus competition, could do to change things. He had proven that a cheaper and more efficient postal service was possible.

Perhaps this country would welcome a revival of the Lysander Spooner spirit in more areas than one! ■



Farewell To Satan's Lady

A remarkable "lady" gives her all for her crew

By Warren G. Winters

Through the mists of time, I can see her yet in that field in Belgium 35 years ago—a bullet-riddled, oil-streaked, fatally wounded B-17 Flying Fortress. She was majestic even in death with that special gracefulness and cleanness of line for which her breed was noted.

The date was Nov. 26, 1944. Our English base was the 92d Bomb Group, 1st Division, 8th Air Force, with the ancient village of Podding-ton just outside the gate.

By the end of the summer, Allied intelligence had realized that the weakest part of the formidable Nazi war machine was its steadily worsening ability to obtain sufficient gasoline and diesel fuel. With little natural petroleum available, Germany was dependent on synthetic fuel manufactured from coal at petrochemical plants. The destruction of those facilities was given highest priority by the 8th Air Force.

Our specific target was the Synthetic Fuel Manufacturing Complex at Misburg which, along with Merseburg, was considered one of the most heavily defended targets in Europe. It was protected by 500 flak guns, including several batteries of 105mm and 128mm weapons. Strong fighter opposition was also expected as the enemy made a desperate attempt to



save its dwindling fuel supplies.

My fellow crew member, Sergeant Tilson, was his usual cheerful self that morning as he said, "Well, only three more of these milk runs and we'll be heading back to the good old U.S.A." A short, stocky lad of 19, he usually flew as a ball turret gunner, the most uncomfortable, isolated and claustrophobic position of any crew member. That day he was happy to learn he would fly this mission as a waist gunner, a much more comfortable billet. As we walked together to the combat crews' mess hall, he said to me, "You know, we might just make it home by Christmas, don't you think?"

Our aircraft for this mission was "Satan's Lady," an earlier model B-17G, adorned with an expertly done painting of a beautiful, dark-haired, long-legged, very sexy—if somewhat sinister-looking—lady with two small curved horns which in no way detracted from her sensual appearance. She had the reputation among the pilots of being a "good airplane" with no vices.

Our pilot, Captain Kilbride, was one of the very best in the 8th Air Force. He had a reputation for being unemotional, extremely cool and competent in any emergency.

Take off and climb through the low clouds so often present in England in autumn was uneventful. As we donned oxygen masks and plugged in our electrically heated suits for the climb to 29,000 feet and our entry into enemy air space, we were joined by P-51D Mustangs which would escort us to the target and back.

Approaching the target area, we were informed by radio that the B-24 Liberator group directly behind us was under heavy fighter attack. Swinging my turret to the rear, I could see swirling dog fights in progress between American Mustangs and German fighters on each side of the bombers. Suddenly, as a B-24 dropped out of the formation, spinning wildly out of control and trailing

a heavy plume of white smoke, three parachutes appeared. Seconds later a German FW-190 fighter, trailing a thin plume of black smoke and hotly pursued by a Mustang, dived under our formation. Both vanished into the haze far below.

"Beginning bomb run, bomb bay doors opening," our bombardier called out. Within seconds the rhythmic strumming vibration told us the bomb doors were fully open. With the familiar "whump" of a slightly muffled 12-gauge shotgun, a dark flak burst blossomed in the sky dead level but off to our left. Another appeared on the right. Directly in front of our nose a shell exploded with terrific concussion, the red flash of fire in its center indicating an extremely close burst. A cloud of dirty black smoke, rank with the smell of cordite even through our oxygen regulators, swept past the windshield. Miracu-

"I expected to see the waist and tail section missing when I turned around."

lously no serious damage was done to "Satan's Lady."

The next instant the bombardier called out, "Bombs away, bomb doors closing." Seconds later he was hurled from the bombsight by a blow on the chest from a flak shell fragment which dented, but did not penetrate, the thin armor plates in the front of his flak suit. At the same time, a tremendous explosion and shock hurled "Satan's Lady" straight up and onto her left wing. (I distinctly remember thinking that our plane must surely have been blown in two. I expected to see the waist and tail section missing when I turned around.) Our number three engine had taken a direct hit from a heavy flak shell which blew away the cowl- ing and half of the cylinder banks

and left flames streaming back past the engine nacelle.

Moments later, Tragedy struck our crew for the first time. A heavy flak shell exploded along the right side of the waist compartment and blasted a large piece of shell casing directly through Sergeant Tilson's heart. The war ended forever for my comrade in arms who lay still on the floor of the waist compartment, never to see his home again.

Seeing the flames streaming back over the wing, the copilot instinctively unbuckled his seat belt in anticipation of bailing out. I dropped out of the top turret, snapped on my chest pack parachute and started forward to jettison the forward hatch door. At that instant the commanding voice of Captain Kilbride rang in our headsets, "Nobody bails out. That looks like an oil fire to me and I'm going to try to blow it out. Repeat, nobody bails out!" With controls still intact, he hurled our plane into a steep dive. The rush of oxygen-thin air extinguished the blaze almost at once.

We were far below and miles behind our formation. Luckily the reserve oil tank and controls for feathering the propeller were still intact and the windmilling propeller was properly feathered. But number four engine, riddled with shell fragments and with no oil pressure, seized up and stopped. Again luck was with us—the second dead engine was properly feathered also.

With both engines out on the right side, the forces of torque turning the aircraft to the right were immensely strong and it took the combined strength of both the pilot and copilot on the rudder pedals to hold the plane on course. Captain Kilbride yelled for me to find something to tie the rudder pedals in extreme left position to help hold the ship on course. Finding some electrical cords usually used for our heated flying suits, I secured the rudder controls. In this position the rudder was prac-

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people stopped whatever they were doing and faced east for a minute or two. If you were a kid or a young person, during those two minutes your mind would repeat the almost sacred words of "In Flanders Fields" while your memory provided background music—"My Buddy"—and you felt like crying. Maybe we didn't realize it, but some of the need was because the men of WWI and their children could never again be innocent or naïve.

JOSEPH M. PIEKARCZYK
Hammond, IN

Spinal Injury

• In "Dateline Washington" (October), I note that federal expenditure on spinal cord regeneration research is being considered in Congress. I am proud to say that the Shriners of North America in 1979 established the first spinal cord injury center for children. A pilot program located in the Philadelphia Shrine Hospital will provide surgical and rehabilitative care for stabilized spinal cord injured children without expense to parents of the patients. May I take this opportunity to suggest that American Legion Posts help to seek out crippled and spinal cord injured children and refer them to the Shrine? Thank you for help in this worthy cause.

KENNETH A. BARTGIS
Frederick, MD

Et Cetera

• This is a short note to tell you how grateful I am to have been a Legionnaire since WWII. The Legion looks out for the interests of veterans. Keep up the good work!

PAUL S. FULKERSON, JR.
San Francisco, CA

• In the November issue, the letter from William F. Howard demonstrates what's wrong with our country. He states "the real threat is that Americans cannot enjoy their 'rights.'" Their *real* threat is the type of thinking exhibited by this letter, that insists on "rights," but says nothing about obligations and responsibilities.

GORDON GUNDERSON
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45-54	21,120	18,480	15,840	13,200	10,560	7,920	5,280	2,640
55-59	11,520	10,080	8,640	7,200	5,760	4,320	2,880	1,440
60-64	7,680	6,720	5,760	4,800	3,840	2,880	1,920	960
65-69	4,800	4,200	3,600	3,000	2,400	1,800	1,200	600
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75*-Over	2,400	2,100	1,800	1,500	1,200	900	600	300
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The Last Step, The American Ascent of K2, by Rick Ridgeway, THE MOUNTAINEERS BOOKS, PUB., \$25. Courage, terror, pettiness and perseverance are just some of the components of a great climb. Here is how 14 persons faced the challenge and conquest of K2, the "American" mountain in Central Asia between Pakistan and China.

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Work Horse of the Western Front, The Story of the 30th Infantry Division, by Robert L. Hewitt, THE BATTERY PRESS, \$25. This is the story of the 30th Division from June 1944, on Omaha Beach in Normandy, to May 1945, on the Elbe River at Magdeburg—11 months that tested the division's men and materiel and found neither wanting.

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Commander's Message

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Our strength must be derived from 2.6 million Legion and 1 million Auxiliary members who are not only aware of the issues and our stand, but are also active in their own communities. This is a powerful force, especially so since 92 percent of them are registered voters.

They are our backbone. Everything which must be accomplished cannot be achieved by the National Headquarters staff alone. Our involvement in so many issues necessitates an informed membership if we are to be effective. (One major tool to that end is our National Legislative News Bulletin, available for \$5 a year. I encourage each of you to subscribe to this monthly publication which presents our stand on pertinent legislative matters and summarizes our progress.)

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Another thing individual Legionnaires can do to strengthen our influence in Congress is become acquainted with their Congressmen. Representatives have district offices (Senators have regional offices) and they welcome your visits—and visits are much more effective than letters. Congressmen want to hear what their constituents are thinking about the issues, and you should want to hear what your elected officials are doing about the issues. Even if your Representatives are not "at home" when you want to speak with them, their staffs are able surrogates and they regularly report to Washington. Often, a valuable dialogue between an entire Post and an official can be established merely by inviting him to speak at a Post meeting.

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In August, for example, partly through the efforts of the National Legislative Council, a Presidential veto was overridden and the Physicians' Pay Bill was enacted (PL96-330). In times past, the Council has been instrumental in the passage of much Legion-supported legislation. Through their efforts, and yours, our collective voices have frequently echoed loud and clear in the halls of the Capitol.

We in the Legion understand this country from a unique perspective—as veterans and informed citizens. We have a vested interest in the welfare of the United States and we will continue to wield our own awesome power to make our voices heard for the benefit of all Americans. ■

American Legion Life Insurance Month Ending October 31, 1980

\$2,530 paid—age at death 52. Cause of death—car accident. Total premiums paid: \$316.

Benefits Paid January 1, 1980—

October 31, 1980\$ 2,747,031
Benefits Paid Since April, 1958\$33,902,761
Basic Units In Force (Number)235,745.0

New Applications Approved

Since January 1, 1980 3,742
New Applications Declined 1,829
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(Applicants failed to return health form)

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SPEEDED UP CLAIMS INFORMATION ON "TARGET" AT VA . . .

The VA has announced completion of a three-year program to bring the advantages of computer technology to processing claims for VA compensation, pension and education benefits. The new system—known as Target—will reduce claims processing time significantly and speed payment of checks totaling \$14 billion annually to veterans and their families. Target replaces many manual operations that were used in handling inquiries and claims. VA's 57 regional offices in the U.S. and Puerto Rico are now able to enter, modify and retrieve data via a computer system that is currently capable of handling some 160,000 transactions daily. The VA is using 3,000 video display terminals and 800 remote printers installed in the regional offices as part of the program. The Target network is supported by nine large computers and 100 mini-computers that function in regional processing centers. A central payment system in Chicago is linked directly to Treasury Dept. check production facilities and VA's huge data processing center in Austin, TX maintains a computer index of basic beneficiary information.

NEW UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ELIGIBILITY SET FOR VETERANS . . .

Servicemen and women who are discharged from the armed forces must have served at least 365 days to be eligible for unemployment insurance compensation, the U.S. Labor Department has noted . . . Congress raised the new eligibility period from 90 to 365 days effective on or after Oct. 1, 1980. The provision is contained in Public Law 96-364 . . . Leaders of The American Legion testifying at the Congressional hearings regarding such benefits were in favor of taking some action that would attract individuals into completing their terms of enlistment.

VA DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE PILOT PROGRAM

LAUNCHED . . . The VA has started a pilot program of contractor-operated halfway houses for alcohol and drug dependent veterans. Treatment at the halfway houses will be provided at an average daily cost of \$17 versus hospital treatment costs of more than \$100 daily . . . The program is aimed at the 6 to 8 percent of substance abuse veterans who have the most difficulty after discharge. They are chronically disconnected from society, without family, often without fixed addresses and often lacking competitive skills for today's limited job market, according to VA officials. Congress authorized the

program in 1979 and the VA expects to spend \$6.8 million on it during fiscal year 1981. A total of 80 contracts are expected to be signed to care for more than 1,500 veterans. The new halfway house program will stress the one-day-at-a-time approach of Alcoholics Anonymous and place less emphasis on extensive medical support. An evaluation study of the pilot program will also be made for Congress.

NEW NATIONAL CEMETERY IN FLORIDA ANNOUNCED

. . . A new Veterans Administration National Cemetery in Florida has been announced by VA officials. The VA will work with Florida's Congressional delegation and state and local officials to determine the best site for the project which will cost over \$50 million once fully developed. One area under consideration is a 700-acre site in central Florida in the Withlachoochee State Forest near Ocala . . . The construction of the new cemetery in Florida will bring to eight the total of new cemeteries started by the VA since enactment of the National Cemetery Act in 1973.

HANDICAPPED GET A CHANCE TO HUNT MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS . . .

Sportsmen with certain disabilities will be allowed to hunt migratory game birds from stationary motor vehicles under an amended hunting regulation recently announced by the Department of the Interior . . . Paraplegic hunters and hunters missing one or both legs may use stationary motor vehicles to enable them to participate in the sport. However, the change by the Fish and Wildlife Service will not supersede existing laws or other restrictions which conflict with the ruling, such as limited vehicle access on some national wildlife refuges.

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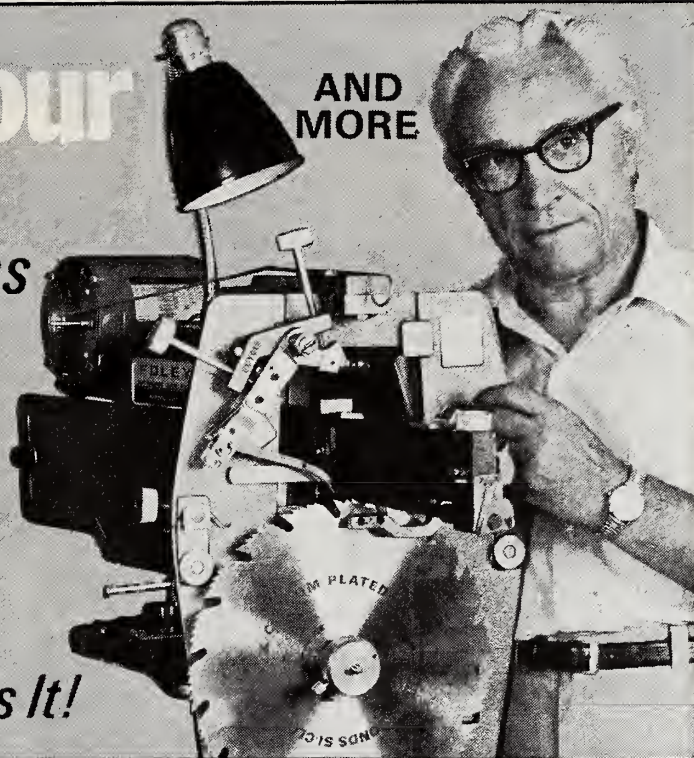
Veterans taking flight training or correspondence courses under the GI Bill must pay a larger share of the costs under legislation effective last October. Students who enrolled in correspondence programs after September 1, 1980 may receive 70 percent of the total charges for correspondence training from the VA. Those in flight training are reimbursed 60 percent of the costs. Those enrolled in either program on September 1, 1980, or earlier, will continue to get 90 percent of the total throughout the course provided the training is continuous and part of the same program of education . . . Both provisions were part of "The Education and Rehabilitation Amendments Act of 1980."

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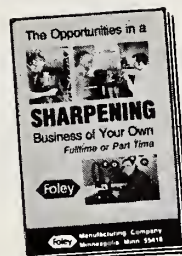


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Dateline Washington

Sloppy Bookkeeping Costs U.S. Billions

The General Accounting Office (GAO) is pressing for legislation which will require federal agency heads to report regularly to Congress on the adequacy of their internal accounting system, and to correct any deficiencies discovered.

The monitoring agency says government offices have squandered billions of dollars because of lack of direct control over their own bookkeeping systems. One department accountant overpaid \$700,000 in travel vouchers in two months. Another agency neglected to collect \$218 billion because the funds weren't listed in the "accounts receivable" category. Some U.S. embassies were found to be spending funds they didn't have.

The intent of the legislation is to increase each department chief's responsibility for his own accounting system, thereby increasing control and reducing waste. Officials at the GAO hope that the new administration's broom will help sweep sloppy bookkeeping out.

Motorcycle Deaths Rise as Rules Decline

The number of motorcycle deaths in the U.S. is increasing, but laws requiring riders to wear helmets, a deterrent to injury, are being relaxed.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, a study shows the rate of deaths from motorcycle accidents has increased 46 percent between 1976 and 1979. Before 1975, 47 states required helmets, now only 19 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico require protective headgear. Twenty-one states mandate that riders under 18 wear helmets and 10 states have no motorcycle helmet laws at all.

Unhelmeted cycle riders triple their chances of being killed in an accident, according to the federal agency. Of the five million or so Americans who ride motorcycles, those involved in accidents are seven or eight times more likely to be killed or injured than motorists or their passengers. The federal agency is urging states to return to more stringent motorcycle safety laws.

Loan Bonus: Teachers Where Needed

The federal student loan program has been given a black eye in recent press reports over beneficiaries going bankrupt in order to avoid repayment. Virtually no publicity has been given to another aspect of the program which has helped provide more than one million teachers for schools needing assistance.

Since 1958, the government has provided for cancellation of a portion of an individual's student loan for each year given by the recipient to teaching in some 50,000 elementary and secondary schools having a high concentration of students from low income families. Recently, the same repayment privilege was granted to loan beneficiaries teaching the handicapped and disabled.

The Department of Education, which takes over the loan payment in place of the student, has paid up some \$90 million dollars in this unique program which has benefited half of the nation's lower schools.

PEOPLE & QUOTES

Talking with USSR—"I don't think you simply sit down at the table with the Soviet Union to discuss arms limitations . . . but you discuss the whole attitude—world attitude—as to whether we're going to have a peace or whether we're simply going to talk about weaponry and not bring up these other subjects . . ." President-elect Ronald Reagan.

Let's Get Tough On The Rules—"To arrest the slide toward war, it is, I believe, imperative for the United States, its allies and its other friends to announce that they can no longer accept a situation in which we live by the rules of the charter governing the international use of force while the Soviet Union and its allies violate those rules on a scale which becomes larger, more pervasive and more dangerous with every passing year . . ." Prof. Eugene Rostow, former Undersec'y of State.

Why Government Grows Faster—"One reason government tends to grow faster than the private sector is that costs of government can be spread among many people and benefits concentrated among relatively few . . ." William Allen, president, Internat'l Institute for Economic Research.

Growing Schism—"In general, federal agencies and universities find each other incomprehensible in structure, obdurate in attitude, intractable in negotiation. This recent and growing schism between government and universities is not created by science, but it deeply affects the capacity to do science . . ."

A. Barlett Giamatti, president, Yale Univ.

Verbicide From The Bench—" . . . The people of our land are being ruled by transitory personal notions of justices who occupy, for a fleeting moment of history, seats on the Supreme Court bench, rather than by the enduring precepts of the Constitution. Judges who perpetrate verbicide are judicial activists, but contrary to popular opinion all judicial activists are not liberals. Some of them are conservatives." Former Sen. Sam J. Ervin, NC.

The Knowledge Connection—"The principal reason the committee is placing emphasis on improving university-industry cooperation is that universities create new knowledge while industry puts that new knowledge to work . . . Close links between universities and industry are essential for getting knowledge into use . . ." Rep. Don Fuqua (D-FL), Chmn, Science and Technology Committee.

Germany: Then And Now—"We are no longer compelled uncritically to adopt any U.S. position. The U.S.-German relationship today is different from what it was 15, 20 or 25 years ago. Then we were a dependent client; today we are a major partner of the United States . . ." Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, West Germany.

Dollars, Yes; Pressure, No—" . . . The fact that it is repeated over and over again that the U.S. pays for one-fourth of the budget of UNESCO is not an argument which can be convincing to most of the member states of the organization. They feel that this is a way of bringing pressure to bear on them. Given their dignity, they are unable to accept these pressures." UNESCO Director-General Amadou Mahtar M'Bow.

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Help Is On The Way—Finally

Among VA's hundreds of programs for veterans and their families, "Operation Outreach" is unique in a number of ways. When a very traditional federal government agency takes a decidedly "nontraditional" approach to a segment of its clients—in this case the Vietnam era veteran—it's important to know why. In this exclusive article to The American Legion Magazine, the head of "Operation Outreach" not only tells us why, but also reveals that what they are learning from the program may apply to veterans of all wars.

By Dr. Don Crawford,
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The Veterans Administration

The Readjustment Counseling Program for Veterans of the Vietnam era was created by the Veterans Health Care Amendments Act of 1979 (Public Law 96-22). The Act provided for the creation or expansion of four programs which would improve health care benefits for veterans. Under the Act, the VA was to begin establishing the counseling program on October 1, 1979. The VA named the program "Operation Outreach." In the next 12 months, 91 new service units called "Vet Centers" were opened.

The legislative intent of the Readjustment Counseling Program was unique in a number of ways. It was to be established outside of existing VA facilities. There were to be no diagnostic labels applied to those seeking assistance in Vet Centers. Vietnam era veterans coming to the Vet Centers seeking assistance for social or psychological problems stemming from their military service were to be given readjustment counseling services and to be viewed as people with problems, rather than patients requiring treatment.

Personalized services in the Vet Centers were to involve a minimal amount of red tape. The families of veterans also were to receive counseling services.

Impacting heavily on the development of the Operation Outreach



Wisconsin Vet Center counselors and staff display the sign and phone number of their recently opened center in Milwaukee.

program was the Presidential Review Memorandum of 1978, which directed the VA and other federal agencies to seek and develop new collaborative roles with government and non-government service organizations. Operation Outreach not only was to be a unique service program within the VA, it also was to aggressively seek to build strong collaborative relationships with other service organizations.

Three questions have been frequently asked. Why was a program such as Operation Outreach created so long after the Vietnam conflict? Why was Operation Outreach separated from VA medical centers where mental health services were already being provided? Why is there a need for collaboration with service organizations?

The emphasis on collaboration is perhaps the easiest to explain. In an era of federal budget cutbacks and efforts to deal with inflation and the shrinking dollar, it makes sense to try to combine services to

veterans. One advantage of closer collaboration with veteran service organizations would be that veterans would be able to travel shorter distances to avail themselves of a variety of services. At the same time, closer collaboration would result in better quality and more effective services.

Several factors caused Operation Outreach to be established following a significant lapse of time after the Vietnam War. First, it was not clear there were readjustment problems. The majority of the Vietnam era veterans made a successful readjustment following military service. It was only after some time elapsed that it was found a significant number of Vietnam era veterans, principally combatants of the Vietnam War, were experiencing long-term problems associated with their military experiences. Subsequent research suggests that as many as 700,000 Vietnam veterans and their families are still experiencing difficulties.

A second factor which may have

contributed to the delay in Operation Outreach was the unpopularity of the war. While many within the VA, as well as members of society at large, have long supported the need for a program like Operation Outreach, the emotions and controversy surrounding the war made unpopular anything associated with the war, including the veterans who served.

In brief, the American public may well have been "fed-up" with hearing, talking and thinking about Vietnam. The controversies surrounding the Vietnam War may have fragmented our society. As a result, the needs of the Vietnam veteran tragically fell between the cracks.

Why was Operation Outreach separated from the rest of the VA?

First, it is clear that Congress and the VA intended Operation Outreach to be a service program tailored to the unique characteristics and needs of the Vietnam veteran, rather than all veterans. The average age of a person going into combat in Vietnam was 19. In contrast the average of veterans of World War II and Korea was 25.

Second, Vietnam veterans were also the product of the '60s, a period of social unrest in America. The youth of America during this era were outspoken against the "military industrial complex." The "establishment" was seriously being questioned. American society had fragmented into pro-war "hawks," anti-war "doves," and those who were simply sick and tired of the war and wanted nothing more to do with it.

Third, American withdrawal from Vietnam was viewed by many as recognition that the war had been lost. This ambiguous conclusion to our involvement in Southeast Asia confused many Vietnam veterans. They wondered why so many of their friends had lost their lives there. They questioned whether a significant portion of their lives had been wasted.

A Harris Poll survey done in 1973 suggests that the returning Vietnam veteran was not welcomed back into our society with the same honor and respect as veterans of other wars. This survey indicated that the American public thought of the Vietnam veteran as "a loser," "a sucker."

With hindsight, it is possible to speculate these factors—age, social environment, the social and political controversy surrounding the war and the manner in which we became involved and ultimately withdrew from Southeast Asia—left many Vietnam veterans with ongoing feelings of depression, guilt, and alienation. Operation Outreach was designed to aggressively seek out those Vietnam era veterans who were still experiencing these, as well as other difficulties.

Because this troubled veteran population has been repeatedly characterized as alienated and distrustful of federal bureaucracies, the program was established in the community—away from existing government facilities. Because Vietnam veterans had an extremely

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low tolerance for "red tape," Operation Outreach was to have minimal emphasis on forms and waiting in line. It was also recognized that the problems experienced by the Vietnam veteran do not lend themselves to existing diagnostic categories, but they still require attention, support and help. Rather than a program of diagnostic treatment, Operation Outreach was designed to provide readjustment counseling services for the veterans and their families.

While this unique approach had been designed to reach Vietnam veterans and resolve their problems, the emotional and psychological problems being experienced by these veterans are not unique. The circumstances surrounding the Vietnam War may have produced a different kind of veteran. Also, circumstances surrounding the war may have contributed to a higher incident of these unresolved problems in this veteran population.

However, the problems themselves have been experienced by veterans of other wars. Audie Murphy, one of America's most highly decorated soldiers in World War II, may have borne the emotional scars of combat to his grave. By his own report, he continued to have nightmares after he returned to civilian life. For many years following his combat experiences, he slept with a pistol under his pillow. Korean War veterans tell of emotional depression on anniversary dates which remind them of their lost comrades. They also report flashbacks and nightmares recurring during periods of significant stress.

There is a great body of research, papers and reports going back to the 18th century which tell us that men who undergo combat or similar life threatening trauma—floods, tornadoes, imprisonment—are left with emotional scars for the remainder of their lives. While it is a tribute to scientific inquiry that we have progressed to the point of identifying and caring for these long-term problems, it is sad that veterans of other wars could not benefit from the knowledge we now have of human behavior.

The Vietnam War is still frighteningly real to many "Nam Vets," and there is a clear need for services and more research in this area. Studies of long-term effects of combat on Vietnam veterans will not only improve the VA's ability to care for the Vietnam veteran, but it will also contribute to our knowledge and ability to help others who have experienced life threatening trauma. Our inquiries into the circumstances surrounding the Vietnam War and the long-term effects on the veteran population could also prepare us to deal more effectively with veterans of future wars.

The Vietnam veteran may have participated in a war that lacked full social and political support. There may have been controversy surrounding the Vietnam War and the Vietnam veterans. Operation Outreach, however, is designed without regard to political bias. It recognizes the human sacrifice of the Vietnam veteran. Operation Outreach places the Vietnam veterans' sacrifices alongside the sacrifices of veterans of all other wars.

NEWS

FOR LEGIONNAIRES

College Carillon Honors Legionnaire

The chimes of Mackay Tower on the Park College Campus, Parkville, MO, are ringing once again thanks to those who sought a fitting way to preserve the memory of long-time Legionnaire and college professor Leon A. Robbins.

Robbins, who was a charter member and first Cdr. of Post 318, taught mathematics at Park College for over 36 years. In addition, he served three terms as Mayor of Parkville, two terms as county surveyor and was a member of the county board of education.

When Robbins' wife, Jeannette, suggested she would like to establish a memorial to her husband, the campaign to secure the \$20,000 carillon began. Members of Post 318 participated in the fund drive and kicked in \$200 of their own money. In addition, the opening ceremonies were highlighted by the Post's color guard and a Legionnaire who offered the invocation to the ceremonies.

Today the chimes of long-silent Mackay Tower once again ring out every hour on the hour, recalling the memory of a leader who served his college, his community and The American Legion.

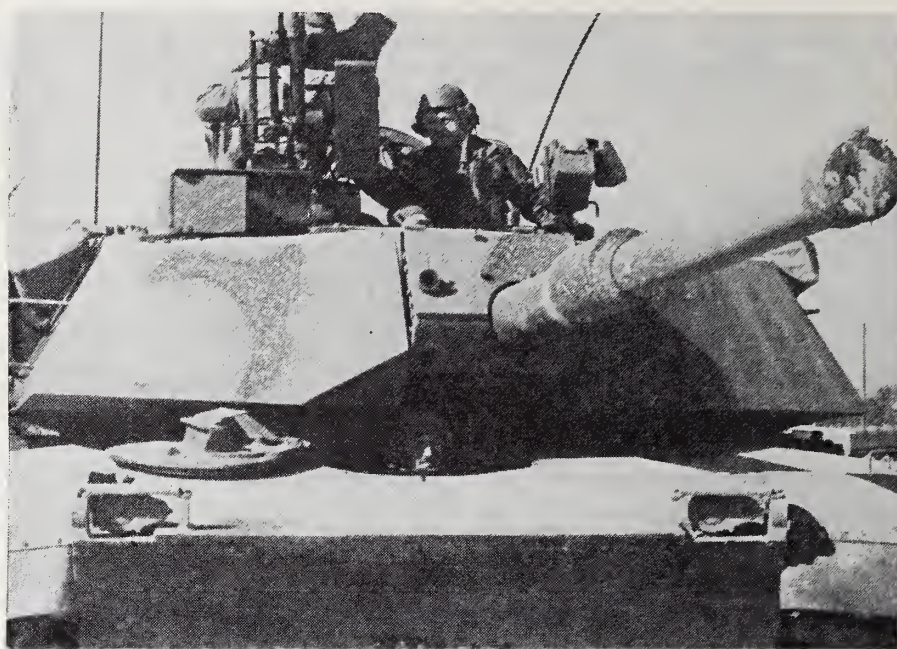
Legionnaire Reagan Continues Tradition

By Cdr. Harold G. Clode
Palisades Post 283

President-elect Ronald Reagan, a member of Palisades Post 283 in Pacific Palisades, CA, continues a tradition begun in 1945 when Harry Truman chose to maintain his Legion membership in a Post near his hometown.

Truman was a member of Tirey J. Ford Post 21 in Independence, MO, while his successor, Dwight D. Eisenhower, maintained his Legion membership in James R. Cutler Post 39 in Abilene, KS.

The tradition was carried on by Navy veterans John F. Kennedy, a member of Crosscup-Pinchon Post 281, Boston, MA; and by Lyndon B. Johnson, a member of Memorial Highway Post 352, Blanco, TX.



Natl. Cdr. Michael Kogutek (top) peers from the turret of the U.S. Army's new XM-1 tank during a recent demonstration ride at the Fort Knox, KY, Armor Center. Kogutek toured the facility for two days and discussed preparedness with brigade and battalion commanders. (ALNS Photo)



Swan Johnson, Cdr. of Long Branch, NJ, Post 44, presents \$500 nursing scholarship checks to Susan Ryerson and Barbara J. Barker (seated left to right). Mrs. Marjorie R. Witt, standing, is director of nursing at Monmouth Medical Center, Long Branch, where the students receive their clinical training. This is the 14th consecutive year Post 44 has presented nursing scholarship checks to local nursing students.

Navy veterans of WWII, Richard M. Nixon and Gerald Ford, belonged to Whittier Post 51 in Whittier, CA, and Furniture City Post 258 in

Grand Rapids, MI, respectively.

Jimmy Carter is a member of Americus Post 2, not far from Plains, GA.

VA's Q&A CORNER

These are questions representative of those the Veterans Administration is frequently asked. For more information contact your Post Service Officer, local VA office or write directly to: Veterans Administration (20), Washington, D.C. 20420.

Q. If a veteran dies before a home loan guaranteed by the VA is repaid, will VA pay off the balance?

A. No. The surviving spouse or other co-borrower must continue making payments. However, mortgage life insurance, available from private companies, can provide protection against a survivor inheriting large monthly payments.

Q. I am eligible for Vietnam Era GI Bill education assistance but I have not completed high school. Can I use the GI Bill to complete high school?

A. Yes. You can complete high school using the GI Bill. This will not affect your entitlement to benefits for training at the college level.

Q. Does the VA specially adapted housing program permit remodeling of a home owned by an eligible veteran?

A. Yes. The specially adapted housing program is for veterans with permanent and total service connected disabilities who meet specific eligibility requirements to buy, build or remodel a home to accommodate such disabilities.

Q. I am receiving a non-service connected VA pension. My wife died in June. There have been no other changes in my dependency or income status. Must I report social security benefits paid her up to the time of her death?

A. Yes. However, you should show the cost of your wife's illness and burial if you paid for it yourself. These are allowable exclusions which serve to reduce countable income for VA purposes.

Q. May a veteran obtain a VA guaranteed loan on a home which appraises lower than the sales price?

A. Yes. But the veteran must pay the difference from his own resources without borrowing. VA will not guarantee a loan in excess of the appraised value of the property.

Q. I was injured in World War II service but have never filed a claim. Is it too late to do so now?

A. No. There is no time limit for filing a claim for compensation. Contact your nearest Veterans Administration office.



Thanks to the efforts of Post 19 in Hartford, WI, that city's revitalized downtown Main Street will include 100 new U.S. flags flown from light poles. Shown erecting the donated flags are, from left, Vice Cdr. Edmund Milner, Cdr. Hubert Montag and Adj. Norbert Schellinger.

Baker is Chairman

Keith Baker of Linn Grove, IA has been appointed chairman of the special POW/MIA Committee formed by Natl. Cdr. Kogutek. The committee to give priority attention to the matter of accounting for Prisoners of War and Missing in Action from the war in Southeast Asia also includes Dr. Robert P. Foster of Maryville, MO, and J. Alvis Carver of Dunn, NC.

Decal Available

This decal, reflecting Natl. Cdr. Michael J. Kogutek's pledge of



American Legion support to the armed services, is now available to interested Legion-

naires. The 4" by 2½" decal may be ordered for 25¢ each from National Emblem Sales. Single orders must be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope. The decal is available in bulk orders for \$15 per 100.

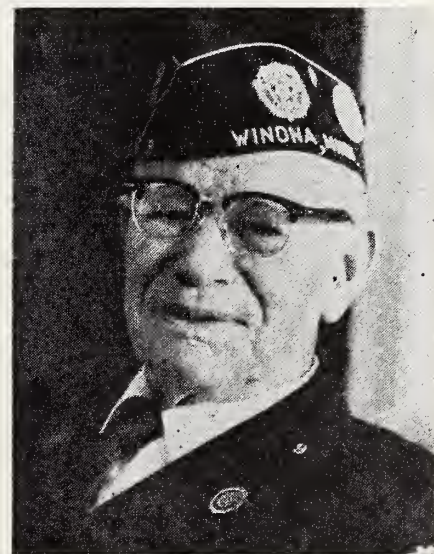
George Acheff is Month's Legionnaire

George Acheff, who joined The American Legion the second day after ending his WWI service, is January's Legionnaire of the Month.

Although George is 90, he remains an active member of the Leon J. Wetzel Post 9 burial detail in Winona, MN. In addition, he still takes tickets at Legion ball games and still is a leading membership recruiter.

George was only 14 when he immigrated alone to America from Macedonia, then under the control of Turkey. During WWI he first tried to enlist but was rejected because of his alien status. In July 1918 he was drafted. Called before officers, he told them that he had his first citizenship papers and that he wanted to serve his adopted country.

He continued his military service in WWII, when he served in the state guard for five years, and he was ready to serve again in the Korean War although plans for a state guard were dropped.



George Acheff

Hardly any Post activity has escaped his enthusiastic service during 61 years as a Legionnaire. Last summer the Post named him an honorary Post Cdr. Previously the Post had given him an honorary life membership.

George says, "I am happy to have served my adopted country and if they ever need me I am still young enough."

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The Rewards May Be Legion

Legionnaires sometimes take for granted the importance of actively sponsoring and promoting the Legion's High School Oratorical Contest in their local schools. DeLanie Fant, a Florida high school teacher and author of this article, found out that a very determined pair of grandparents and a budding young orator combine to make the Legion-sponsored contest a truly memorable experience. Here's her story.

—The Editors

By DeLanie Fant

Sure, I love The American Legion speech contest and all the other student competitions. But they were not soaring geysers high on my priority list last year and I had, quite frankly, no major plans for their promotion in the classroom. I decided I would announce the opportunities and let the students show the initiative.

Then along came Mr. and Mrs. Marshall G. Boyd, a marvelous volcanic pair of grandparents who have judged classroom debates for me, publicized my night classes, dragged in dozens of innocent senior citizens to study Great Works of Literature, replenished my English classroom with recent magazines for student random reading, shared their King Tut slides, publicized my drama productions and supported with boundless enthusiasm every school activity which involved their three grandsons.

The Boyds came to my classroom this time in their roles as Legionnaires of nearby American Legion Post 137 in Jacksonville to promote the Legion's High School Oratorical Contest.

At first, they had trouble overcoming my own inertia. I managed to lose some of the early publicity and, although embarrassed, chalked it up to all my other busy commitments.

But the Boyds live within a block of my school and they were not to be denied. One day, I looked out the classroom window to see their determined approach. Bearing fresh publicity, more brochures and leveling a bombardment of kind yet firm reminders, they finally got the ball rolling.

"Okay students, there are a number of speech contests coming up in the next two months," I said. "Several of the contests have a patriotic theme . . . No, we cannot *require* you to enter a contest; yet speech training is part of the curriculum . . .

from Post 137. More importantly, she won the hearts of a group of Legionnaires who arranged hours of toastmistress tutelage and grooming for the next level of competition. The results of that help shone in the delighted faces of my students when Teresa came to class lugging her huge, tri-county first place trophy.

In the next step, the Northeast Florida competition, I was confident that Teresa was number one; official judges awarded her second place.

Still, Teresa's speech career would continue. We knew that the afternoon

she returned from the Future Business Leaders of America district meeting with another enormous first place trophy.

The last week of school, I received a note from Teresa reviewing all that had evolved from that initial Monday morning declamation on the Constitution.

She was president of her Junior Achievement chapter and had entered another speaking contest. Furthermore, the attention she had received resulted in her nomination for a statewide tour on behalf of the Governor to encourage businesses to hire teenagers.

In every way, Teresa saw that the development of her personality through all her public speaking experiences had opened exciting doors to unexpected challenges. Her exuberant note thanked the Boyds for prodding me and expressed much appreciation for my insistence on that first assignment.

Many organizations have contests for high school youth that sometimes go unnoticed. If they are not getting boiling enthusiasm from students and teachers alike, perhaps they need to send the Marshall Boyds out to get the volcanoes rumbling. The Legion's High School Oratorical Contest certainly didn't go unnoticed in Jacksonville, FL!



That's right . . . This is an *assignment*. Your assignment for next Monday morning is a two- to ten-minute prepared speech on the Constitution or on any positive aspect of American citizenship. Later there will be a voluntary competition one afternoon for students who choose to enter The American Legion Oratorical Contest."

Some of the Monday morning orations were remarkable. Even students who hastily drafted while others spoke, somehow emerged with acceptable speeches.

Teresa Boehmer, my best prepared speaker, said this was new territory for her, but she'd obviously taken the assignment seriously.

It began when seven of my students appeared after school on Thursday for the first round of oratorical competition. (Of course, all the students were from my classes. What other English teacher was as terribly obligated to the Boyds as I?)

Teresa won that afternoon and later picked up a handsome medal



It might be a case of too many cooks in the kitchen. In spite of Turlock, CA, Post 88 members Elmer Martin, Ray Anderson and Cliff McBeath appearing a bit uncertain, they must have gotten their act together. From all reports, the subsequent "Stag Venison Feed" hosted by the Post each Veterans Day was a big success this year as well—for all but the deer that went into the pot.



The 1981 March of Dimes Poster Child, Missy Jablonski, is shown with Natl. Cdr. Michael J. Kogutek during a recent visit to the Legion's Washington, DC, office. The 5½-year-old from St. Louis represents the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation.

KC Royals' George Brett is Legion Player of the Year

George H. Brett, third baseman of the Kansas City Royals, has been selected American Legion Baseball Graduate of the Year, National Americanism Chairman Daniel J. O'Connor recently announced.

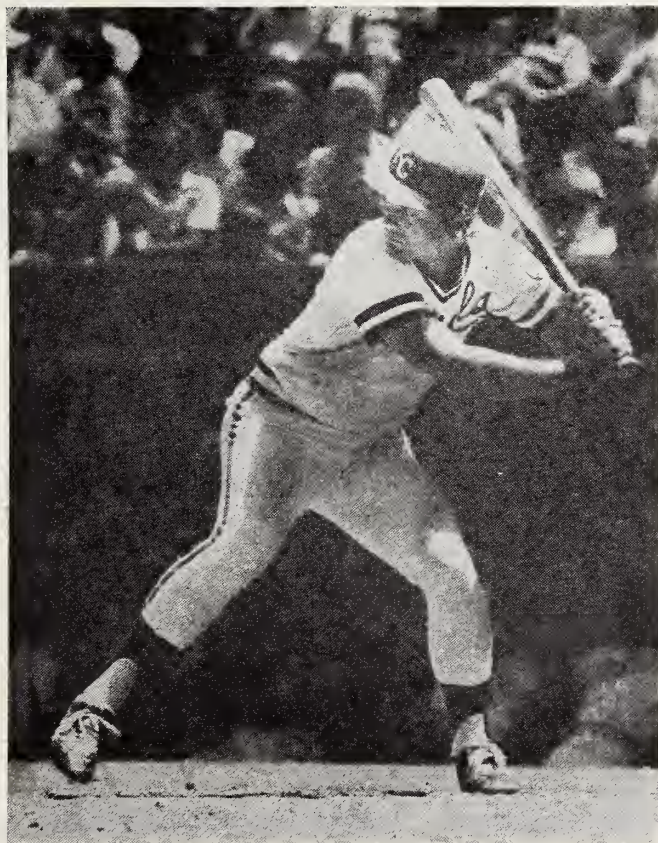
Brett, whose batting average of .390 this season is the highest since Ted Williams hit .406 in 1941, played for El Segundo Legion Post 38, El Segundo, CA.

In a period of seven years, he has established himself among the outstanding stars in baseball. Defensively, he has good range, quick hands and a strong arm. His consistency at the plate and aggressiveness on the bases makes him one of the game's most exciting players. He was originally selected by Kansas City in the June 1971, free agent draft.

During the 1980 season, the 27-year-old slugger hit 24 homers and 118 runs batted in, to go with his .390 average and was also named the American League's Most Valuable Player following the season.

During World Series play against the Philadelphia Phillies, Brett hit .375, in spite of being sidelined during part of the series for minor surgery. The Phillies went on to win the series, four games to two.

Natl. Cdr. Michael Kogutek will present the American Legion Baseball Graduate of the Year Award to Brett during a Kansas City Royals game sometime in May.



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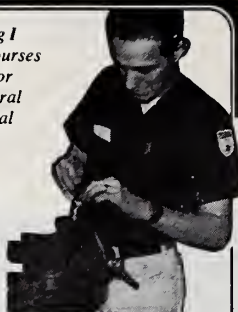


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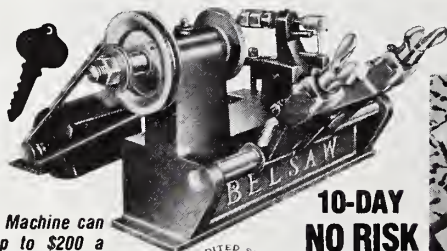
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Clyde Kuhn, an 81-year-old WWI veteran, has been a member of Post 15 in Waynesboro, PA, since 1919. That's fine with his mother, Mrs. Geneva Cook, 99 and a member of that Post's Auxiliary Unit. With fewer than 550,000 WWI veterans living today, it's nice to see both mother and son doing well in Waynesboro.

Life Memberships

The award of a life membership to a Legionnaire by a Post is a testimonial by those who know best that such a member has served The American Legion well.

Below are listed some of the previously unlisted life membership Post awards that have been reported to the editors.

Robert G. Clark (1980), Post 244, San Francisco, CA

Otis E. Nicholson, Charles J. Springer (1980), Post 247, Arcadia, CA

Rowland H. Barrett (1980), Post 661, Ben Lomond, CA

Edward J. Veronda (1980), Post 764, Lucerne, CA

Alois F. Cina, William G. Goldschmidt, Henry J. Klabon (1981), Post 923, Chicago, IL

Edward H. Lemons (1979), Post 100, Lake Station, IN

Bernard J. Bruns, Lewis Fink, Fred Gielau, John F. Sundermeyer, Bernard F. Thurm (1980), Post 653, Denver, IA

Patrick J. Rachford (1979), John Orphan (1980), Post 70, Covington, KY

Dallas W. Greene, Jr., Jesse A. Dauzat, Jr. (1980), Post 14, Shreveport, LA

Bart Wigley, Donald Seibert, Oliver A. Watkins, Erdman J. Albiker, John Sfakianos, Herbert Hoare, Walter Russell, Charles Evans, Varcer Lowry, Edward Jacobs, John D. Hospelhorn, Reinold Miller, Charles R. Berlinke, B. Harry Statter, George Fitzner, William Olson (1981), Post 4, Baltimore, MD

H. Samuel Johnson (1979), Post 29, Denton, MD

Francis X. Cutler (1979), Post 94, Boston, MA

Joseph Giannetti (1980), Post 107, Natick, MA

Andre J. Laferriere (1965), Stanley Stopka, (1966), Lionel B. Demars (1970), George A. Doucette (1975), Post 265, Acushnet, MA

Thomas E. Bolen (1980), Post 11, Wakefield, MI

Les Apmann, Phil Dingmann, John Doherty, Bill Tuomisto (1980), Post 230, Minneapolis, MN

Earl Voltmer, Edwin E. Wright (1980), Post 164, Craig, MO

Raymond H. Stoll (1980), Post 478, Blackburn, MO

James L. O'Brien (1978), Timothy P. Carmody (1980), Post 120, Lambertville, NJ

Gerald L. Jones (1976), Theodore Hunt (1978), John Young, William M. Ferguson, Jr., John Spina, Hildreth Vail (1980), Post 141, Manlius, NY

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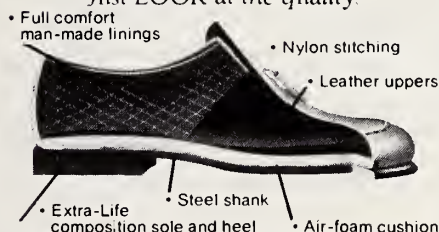
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Hold That Tiger!

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per, the bears howl and swat people. But the bruins are much loved—Baylor rooters built them a \$2,500 "Bear Pit" with every convenience because one of the university's oldest traditions, dating to 1917, is that live *ursus Americanus* be part of the sports picture.

During World War I, the 107th Engineers of Camp MacArthur presented Baylor with their pet, Ted, known as the toughest black bear in Texas. Recall Waco, TX, oldtimers, "Ted was hungry to win—or something—and bit a few of our opponents." Instant success. Recently, Robbie, a clownish type just out of cubhood has been added to the roster. He lazily splashes on hot days in an end-zone pool during games, waving a paw at 50,000 customers. Ab, Daisy and Robbie are closely guarded. One of their predecessors, Dutchess, was heisted by a rival school and died in the process.

Another who's always onstage is War Eagle. In a 1976 game, a Florida U. pass receiver sped into Auburn's end zone near the perch of one of the largest birds in Alabama. War Eagle set up ferocious cries as he flapped 74-inch wings. Somehow the play was turned into a touchdown, but the referee called one of the weirdest penalties—probably unprecedented in college grid history: "Fifteen yards for interference by a mascot!" Auburn U. fans say with a grin, "Our War Eagle gets pretty mad when somebody scores on us."

When the Auburn Plainsmen hit the road, War Eagle goes along in his own private airplane with trainers—"He holds the world record for most miles traveled by a bird not using his own wingpower." His home base is a \$30,000, 100-foot-long fly-space with trees and ledges. He prefers rabbit meals, but also likes football fare: popcorn.

Since ferocity—or what appears fierce—is much desired by sponsors, you'd think that Bevo X, the giant longhorn of Texas U., would be an object of envy. His sharp horns are of near world-record length. But Bevo is placid; rivals laugh and call him "Bevo the Cow." Not even when Earl Campbell, the 230-pound All-American ball carrier of Texas, crashed into him out-of-bounds did the steer do more than blink. "He probably thought it was a fly," fans

say, but Bevo X isn't talking.

Houston University easily tops Texas with Shasta IV, a temperamental cougar which was trapped in the wild. The tawny beast causes a problem on planes (sanitary), but makes a swell equipment guard. At Miami's Orange Bowl, where locker room thieves had been active, Shasta was drafted to watch over valuables of the Houston Cougars. "With that pussycat," reported H.U. student managers, "not a shoelace was lost."

So that no single mascot becomes "emotionally exhausted" in the tumult of a ball game, the Army at West Point employs four mules—Spartacus II, Ranger, Hannibal II



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and Buckshot (the only female of the troupe). Boston College is proud of its bald eagle, which is on the endangered species list. Down at the University of Miami, there's Sebastian the Ibis, an ungainly pond wader with a lot of character. "Sebastian has the old school spirit coming out of his feathers," say local cheerleaders. "He taunts and pecks at enemy mascots with a long bill sharper than a needle."

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rooms and into the Oregon practice huddles. After the Webfoot team hit a winning streak, he was renamed Quarterback Duck. Unhappily, Oregon U. doesn't have him anymore—he left town one night—but plans are afoot for a successor.

Albert the Alligator of the University of Florida no longer resides in a cage among the student body. Upon reaching a lethal 12 feet in length, Al was sent to a nearby lake. The school didn't want a recurrence of what happened at Texas A&I, which boasts one of the testiest of mascots—a javelina. A school official was attacked by the pig and painfully bitten. For somewhat the same reason, Montana State U. had to retire Freddie Fang, a bobcat who appeared on TV and had a whole state applauding his antics.

One institution, the University of Washington, changed its team's nickname because of an animal. Known as the "Sundodgers" until 1922, the university became the "Huskies" when a beautiful malamute sled dog from Alaska was paraded. Today, 100-pound King Chinook hauls a sled into the stadium even when it isn't snowing.

Buried beneath the University of Georgia's Sanford Stadium scoreboard is Uga I. His epitaph reads: "R.I.P.—DAMN GOOD DOG." Flowers are strewn on Uga's grave. Bulldog Uga III, his present counterpart, resides in a "Fireplug Castle" with air conditioning and a goose down bed.

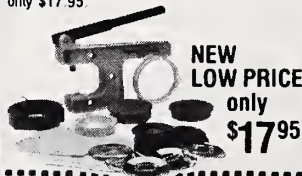
Of all things that lumber, gallop, hiss, scream, bellow, slither or fly, which out there in football land is the most bizarre? It is a tossup between one of the biggest rattlesnakes captured down south—the Florida A&M Rattlers' 10-foot serpent—and a long-snouted, sticky-tongued, bushy-tailed, prehensile item at the University of California at Irvine.

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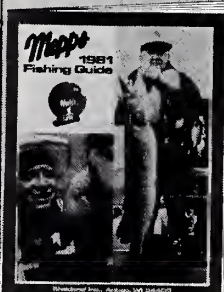
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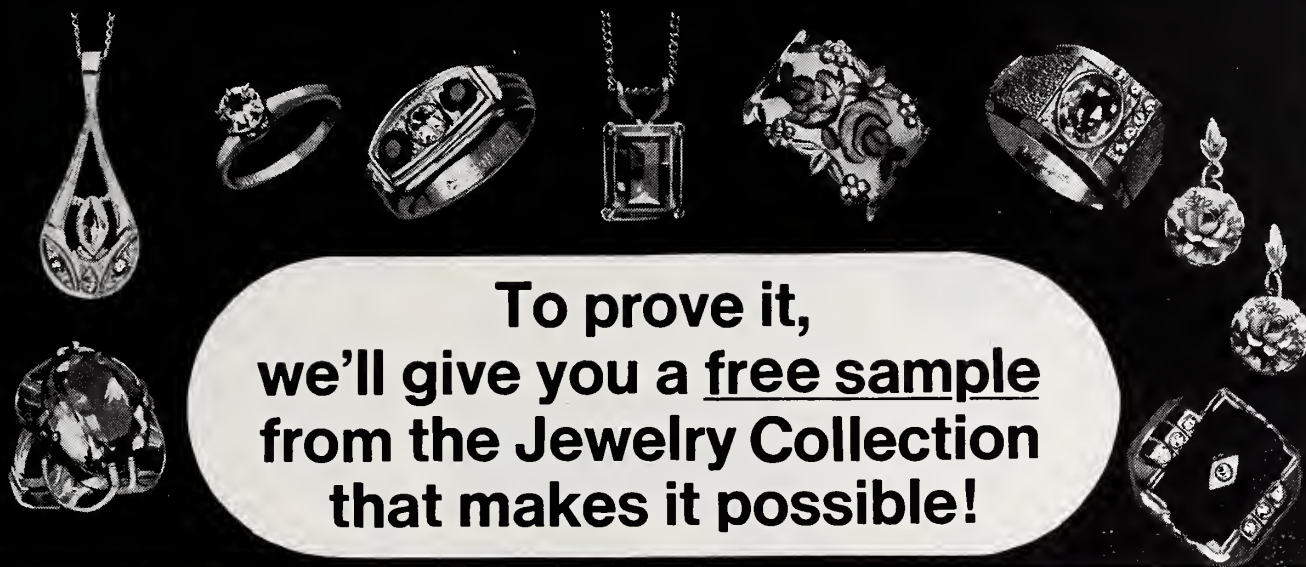
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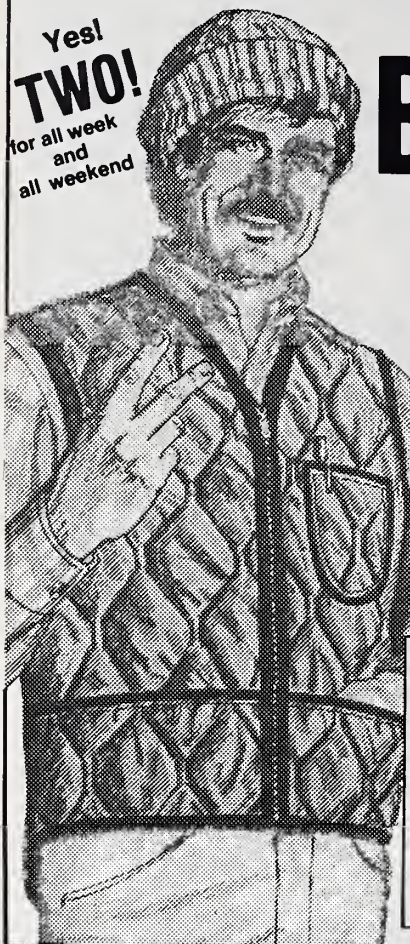
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• The rooms, halls and common areas should be reasonably clean. However, spotless at all times is too much to expect—after all, this is home for 100 or more people whose daily living will generate clutter.

• The premises should be reasonably free from objectionable odors—probably the most common complaint about nursing homes. Visitors should remember, though, that elderly people do have "accidents" and some are completely incontinent, so there will be occasional odors. However, in a good facility, the staff will quickly clean soiled areas and will not let patients lie for long periods on wet or soiled beds.

• The facility should present a pleasant, tastefully decorated interior. The kitchen should be well equipped and the dining area should be a pleasant place for patients and relatives to eat and visit. There should be a chapel, a library, a piano or two, activity rooms, sun porches, therapy rooms, showers and whirlpool baths, extra toilets along the walls, a laundry and well-stocked linen rooms and, especially, a beauty shop. One of the most heart-warming sights in a nursing home is the ladies, no matter how old and infirm, lined up in their wheelchairs at the door of the beauty shop for their weekly wash and set.

• The patients' rooms should be well lighted and have cheerfully colored curtains and bedspreads. There should be comfortable chairs and ample drawer and closet space for clothing and other possessions. The room should be large enough for occupants to move freely. If the bath must be shared with the adjoining room, the number of patients per bath should be small enough so there will not be long waiting periods.

• Nurses and attendants should be highly visible. Although a nursing home generally provides a lower level of care than a hospital, skilled nurses should be on hand at all times to follow doctors' instructions, keep order and handle emergencies.

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- A good nursing home will have a live-wire social director. Patients' birthdays will be recognized and holidays celebrated with special foods and decorations. Volunteer groups will be brought in to entertain and instruct patients. Those who are able should be allowed to visit shopping malls, concerts, antique shows. Visitors should see patients playing table games, watching television, reading, writing, knitting and crocheting, doing handicrafts, visiting each other, walking and exercising.

- However, a nursing home is not a country club and the patients are not there solely for fun and games. All have physical or mental ailments. Visitors can expect to see many helpless, pitiful people, both bedridden and ambulatory, staring blankly at nothing, jabbering incoherently, or crying for help they can never get. A positive indicator in a nursing home is a visible attitude of gentleness, patience and affection by the staff for their patients.

Using these guidelines, a prospective client can narrow the choice to a few acceptable facilities. In the end we selected the nursing home with the best overall reputation in the community.

The worst, however, was yet to come. We reached the lowest point of despair the first night in the nursing home when we walked away from Mama's bedside, ignoring the silent pleading in her eyes, leaving her alone and helpless in a strange place among strange people. A dozen times that grim night, in a futile effort to ease my own self-imposed torment, I assured my tearful wife that we had done the best we could for Mama and for all of us.

At first, Mama was terribly unhappy. The food was "inedible," the staff was "rude and incompetent," and the other patients were grotesque "freaks and morons." We, her children, were "insensitive and cruel." As the days passed, however, and her health slowly improved, so did her attitude. The stroke had damaged her physical and mental abilities, but had not destroyed her characteristic strong will, her natural friendliness

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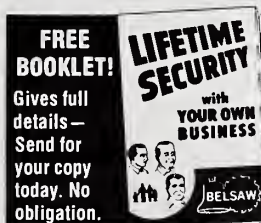
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and optimistic outlook, or her ability to adapt and survive. In a series of minor miracles, the food became more palatable, the mean old attendants became "honey" and "darling," and the repulsive patients became recognizable faces, took on names and then became friends.

Progress in those early days was measured by mundane milestones: holding a fork, stirring coffee, buttoning a sweater, combing her hair. Struggling like a first grader to coordinate hand, eye and brain, Mama again learned to read and write, and much of her boredom magically vanished. It was a red-letter day when she first rolled herself to the dining room in her shiny new wheelchair. It was an even greater triumph when she walked into the bathroom by herself for the first time, wobbly-legged as a new calf, but gratefully free once more from the ignominy of the bedpan and the tyranny of the nurse-call button.

For people who have or will have relatives in a nursing home, I offer the following list of hard-learned "do's" and "don'ts."

Do get acquainted with all the staff. They will play a large part in your life for a long time to come, and it is better to deal with friends than with strangers.

Do not hesitate to ask for help or report problems and encourage your patient to speak out also. Do not be overbearing or abusive about it, but do expect to get the service for which you are paying.

Do not interrupt the daily routine by demanding special treatment for your relative at the expense of others.

Do visit regularly. Nationwide, an estimated 20 to 30 percent of all nursing home patients never have any visitors—a heartbreaking statistic. The staff can do nothing about the morale-shattering feeling of being deserted by family and friends.

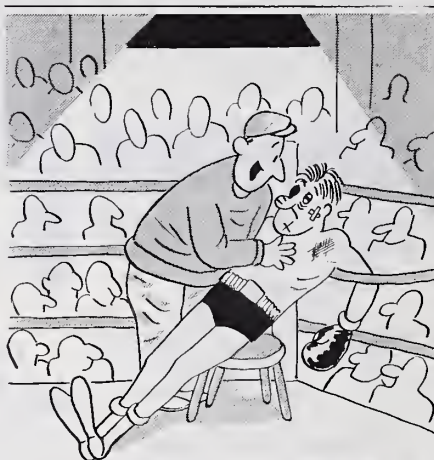
Do not limit your visits to your own relatives. Talk and listen to other patients also. Talk about their home and family, their age, and life in the nursing home. Talk about pets, religion, history, sports, weather and politics. The list of possible topics is endless; many of these people, although infirm, are articulate, intelligent and interesting.

Do treat all patients as normally

as possible. Learn and use their names. Be sympathetic but not pitying. Do not be afraid to give them a handshake or a friendly pat on the shoulder. Above all do not stare at them with visible distaste as if they were freaks.

Do help out, but do not be overly solicitous. Encourage the patients to do as much as they can for themselves. However, most of them need an extra pair of hands occasionally. In the past months I have untangled traffic jams of wheelchairs and walkers, adjusted television sets, stamped letters, cleaned eyeglasses, put on slippers, moved chairs, plugged in electric blankets, wound watches, watered flowers and picked up dozens of objects from the floor.

Do not do anything for a patient



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that will have medical repercussions. Do not remove restraints, move patients with broken bones or administer medicine, even aspirin. Do not visit when you have a communicable sickness. Colds, coughs, flu and sore throats are particularly hard on older people, and spread like wildfire through a nursing home.

Do bring gifts. Small personal items such as toiletries, clothing, flowers, snapshots, stamps, stationery, books, magazines, fruit, cookies and gum are always appreciated.

Do see that your patient is supplied with an adequate wardrobe and that the clothes are laundered regularly. Patients feel better when they are clean and neat.

Do bring children to visit. Some

parents squeamishly feel that young children will be adversely affected by exposure to the hard facts of nursing home life. However, the youngsters easily and naturally accept even the most handicapped people; the patients, regardless of their physical and mental condition, respond wonderfully. As an example, my mother's first roommate was a seriously ill, 90-year-old woman who never spoke to anyone during the four months they lived together. Then, the first time I brought our blond-headed, blue-eyed grandson in to see Mama, the mute old lady shocked us all by taking his hand and saying clearly, "You sure are a pretty boy. What is your name? How old are you? Where do you live?" Our outgoing little charmer replied matter-of-factly, in sequence, "Thank you. Brocky-boy. Three. St. Petersburg. We came on the train to see Nannaw. It was very expensit."

Do not let others make you feel guilty about placing your relative in a nursing home and do not second guess yourself. If you selected a good facility, he or she is better off there than anywhere else.

We cannot turn the calendar back to those happier, pre-stroke years; however, after two years, all of us, including Mama, have reached a fairly stable, reasonably comfortable accommodation with her life in the nursing home. This is not to say that all is perfect—there have been bad times along with the good. Her chronic health problems, mostly associated with old age, will never be completely cured and, whenever she has a relapse, her attitude also suffers. She has gone through periods of self-pity, homesickness and despair, and has been occasionally childish, petulant and unreasonable. But for every step backward there have been two steps forward.

Mama leaves the nursing home to go to church every Sunday, then comes to dinner with one of us. In the middle of the afternoon after a nap on the sofa, she will say, "Son, you can take me home now. They will be gathering in the sun room and I don't want to miss anything."

"Home" is not the weathered old farmhouse where she lived for 45 years and raised her children and buried her husband. "Home" for Mama is the nursing home. ■

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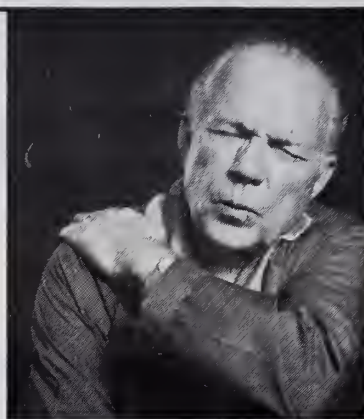
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diverted from some other pressing public need. Unemployment, espe-
cially for blacks and for the un-
skilled is painfully high, yet it
is with those groups that the bulk
of the new arrivals compete most di-
rectly in the shrunken labor market.
This places an additional and intoler-
able strain on the citizens who are
least able to absorb it.

There are other pressures, too, that
arrive in the wake of the multitudes
that have immigrated here in recent
years. In Minnesota, for example,
refugees accounted for about 27 per-
cent of the cases added to the state's
TB registers in 1979. Nationwide, the
1980 incidence of malaria leaped by
200 percent over the 1979 rate, with
the dramatic increase attributed by
federal health officials to refugees.
In Rhode Island, hundreds of unsophisticated Hmong tribesmen from
the Southeast Asia highlands—seem-
ingly unable to adapt to 20th-cen-
tury life in the West even after five
years of exposure to it—exist apa-
thetically on welfare. In New York,
Russian immigrants wither and grow
despondent as they sit and wait for
jobs to come to them because—
schooled in a system where the
state assigns work to suit itself—they
cannot grasp that in a democracy
they decide for themselves what job
they want and then must seek it out.
On the Gulf Coast, clashes between
Mississippi shrimpers and Vietna-
mese fishermen have erupted into
ugly incidents culminating in mur-
der and arson. In San Francisco,
police who patrol 1,000-acre Golden
Gate Park report that Asiatic refu-
gees—following customs that are nor-
mal to their culture—poach squir-
rels, pigeons, waterfowl and pet dogs
for their dinner table.

In fairness, one must also look at
the other side of the coin. The very
fact that multitudes exert prodigious
effort to migrate to the United
States from every point of the com-
pass—from developed, developing
and undeveloped countries, from na-
tions ruled by governments of the
Left and of the Right, from cultures
strikingly different from our own—is
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could articulate by any means.

In a more material way, too, the masses who stream here frequently bring certain strengths with them. The Cubans who have settled in Miami by the hundreds of thousands since Castro came to power in 1959 have revived and redirected the city's economy so that now it is a vibrant commercial center for nations south of the border; almost 100 multinational corporations have relocated their Latin American headquarters in the city. In Des Moines, Laotian refugees have established Tai Industries, a small, thriving manufacturing complex that demonstrates how muscles and brains can create an economic success. In Atlanta, Greek immigrants—using a technique dating back to the Byzantines and previously unknown in the U.S.—are rejuvenating the weather-beaten gold leaf on the huge state capitol dome. And who can say that there is not another Einstein among the latest wave of immigrants to wash over the nation?

It goes against the American grain to evaluate the masses clamoring for admission to the U.S. in terms of pluses and minuses as though they were not humans, but were simply entries in a business ledger. Nevertheless, sentiment and emotion must be tempered by reason and by justice to those already here as well as to those who want to come here. To slice the American pie into so many little slivers that it is seriously diminished as a source of nourishment for anyone, or to bake it from a radically altered recipe using heap- ing quantities of ill-suited ingredients that make it unpalatable, is self-defeating folly. That does not mean that the pie must not be shared. Nor does it mean that the recipe cannot be adjusted at a pace allowing the flavors to merge harmoniously.

It helps put the matter into better perspective to view it for a moment through foreign eyes. A recent commentary in *The Economist*, a respected British publication with no axes to grind one way or the other, says in part, "Most people are descended from immigrants without knowing it; most Americans are descended from immigrants and know it full well. That helps to explain

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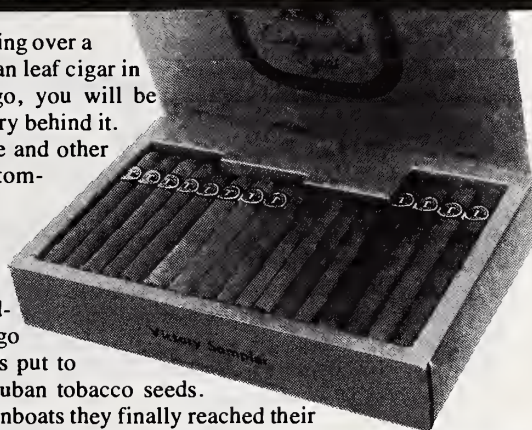
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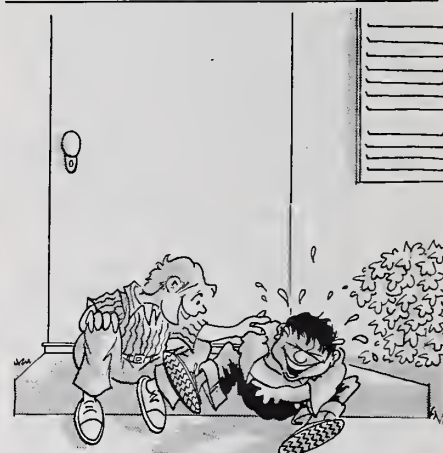
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why the U.S. has such an honorable
record of welcoming the human flot-
sam cast up on the currents of world
conflict. . . . Yet, admirable as such
sentiments are, the U.S. is in no
position to receive all the refugees
who would like to go there. The cur-
rent exodus from Cuba is the latest
in a series of population moves that
have spanned the globe from Indo-
china to the Caribbean in the past five
years. The 1980s could well see an
acceleration of these moves as the
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tries intensifies, and as new tyrannies
follow the example of Vietnam
and Cuba in releasing their prob-
lems on the seas."



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part! Then, last night he tells me
about this cow jumping over the
moon! . . ."

THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE

An objective observer has to agree
with *The Economist*. The burden
that would be imposed on the nation
and its citizens by unrestricted immi-
gration—economically, socially and
culturally, politically and psycho-
logically—would be too crushing to
bear. But neither is it in the Ameri-
can character and conscience to slam
the door shut. So the fundamental
problem is one of determining how
many we shall admit and under what
circumstances.

To answer this bedrock question,
a federally mandated Select Com-
mission on Immigration and Refugee
Policy last year commenced detailed
formulation of recommendations up-

on which Congress can base legislation. The prestigious 16-member panel—drawn from the public and private sectors and headed by Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, president of Notre Dame University—began by examining the whole body of existing U.S. immigration law. What they found left them disturbed.

The first law on the books was adopted in 1875 and it merely barred entry to prostitutes and alien convicts. During the next 50 years, a series of laws were added on a piecemeal basis to restrict additional categories of persons. A major change was initiated in 1921 with adoption of legislation establishing quotas for immigrants according to their national origin. This was, in accordance with prevailing attitudes of those times—but contrary to today's more enlightened principles—an effort to limit admission of those thought to be undesirable solely by reason of ethnic background. However, more and more since then, official policy has been pushed and pulled in various directions by exceptions to it created by Congressional action and by Justice Department exercise of its discretionary "parole" power to admit those fleeing political persecution. Congress added a new dimension last year by adopting legislation authorizing admission of 231,000 refugees during fiscal 1980 and empowering the President to permit additional entries in unusual circumstances. During all this time, of course, there was parallel, illicit entry into the country at an accelerating pace.

More than a century of jerry-building the system, of establishing exemptions and exceptions to it, and of apparent inability to stem the inflow of the illegals who flout that system, have left the U.S. with immigration practices that ill serve the nation as well as those who seek entry to it. This is what has disturbed the Select Commission and this is what it set out to correct.

The Commission is to deliver its detailed report to Congress in March. Its findings and recommendations are certain to stimulate spirited debate. I asked Father Hesburgh to describe for *The American Legion Magazine* readers the principles that form the framework within which the Commission has fashioned its recom-

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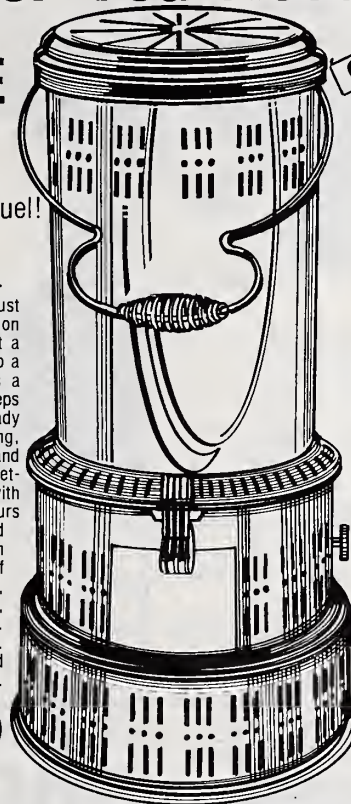
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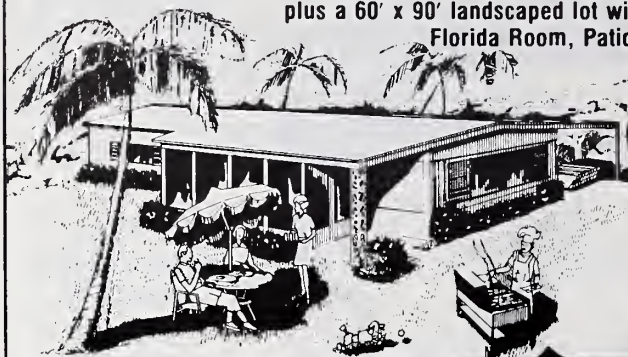
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mendations. This is what he told me: "I think our immigration policy should be humane, in keeping with our tradition as an immigrant nation, non-racial, and yet geared to the economic and social realities of America today. Regarding restrictions on the admission of refugees, I believe we need an ongoing commission that can review the economic and social conditions of the nation each year and then advise the government on the number of refugees who can be reasonably accommodated. I think the number should be generous and realistic."

The Select Commission's report to Congress is expected to urge several new departures in U.S. policy. One is elimination of the country-by-country quota system with its suggestion of ethnic attitudes that are out of step with today's world. Another is adoption of a flexible cap on total, annual immigration and establishment of a permanent panel to determine how much the cap should move up or down each year in response to conditions prevailing in the country. A third likely proposal is for a national work-identification card to be issued only to citizens and to legally admitted aliens for the sole purpose of display to an employer at time of hiring. Accompanied by a one-time amnesty for illegal aliens already in the country—and already interwoven into the fabric of the nation so that no other course seems feasible or practicable—proponents of the ID card think this would give the U.S. its first handle on illegal immigration. They say it would do this by removing the key incentive for illicit entry: by closing the job market to those without the counterfeit-resistant cards. It would also make it possible to enforce existing laws against those who, until now, have knowingly hired—and have frequently exploited—illegals.

Overhaul of America's incoherent, ineffective and outmoded immigration system is an urgent need. The recommendations of the Select Commission and the legislative package that emerges from it present a real opportunity for a meaningful solution that does justice to the nation's heritage, to its citizens, and to those who seek to enter. It can insure that the American dream does not become transformed into a nightmare. ■

Small Connecticut Firm's New Golf Ball Flies Too Far; Banned by U.S.G.A.

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NORWALK, CT.—All golf balls are not created equal. At least not any more. A small Connecticut company has introduced a controversial new ball it guarantees will out-distance all legal balls, including Hogan, Top Flight, Maxfli and Titleist. The new ball is so "hot" it threatens to pull the rug on par, as we know it, and that might have the United States Golf Association worried.

For thirty-eight years the U.S.G.A. has strictly enforced the rule that a golf ball may not exceed a velocity of 250 feet-per-second off the club head. Without this and other restrictions, high-powered super balls would soon outmode most golf courses. Par fives could disappear, and even an average player could regularly blast 300-yard drives. So far major U.S. manufacturers have observed this speed limit and other U.S.G.A. rules designed to keep all balls created equal.

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And while golf prides itself on being a gentlemen's game, it seems that more than 40,000 gentlemen—and ladies—are carrying these innocent-looking buzz bombs

in their bags. Some say if the U.S.G.A. ever approved the engineering in this ball, pros might start shooting in the 50's.

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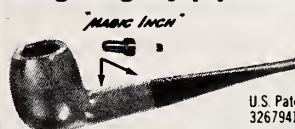
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Satan's Lady

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If by some miracle we escaped the fighters, it was highly doubtful that our two remaining engines would last long enough to bring us to safety.

(Luckily for us, we learned much later, all the available German fighter forces were engaged in a mass attack on two B-24 Liberator groups. The 445th and the 491st, which had followed us into the target, were attacked in successive waves with deadly effect. Twenty B-24s were lost from the group.)

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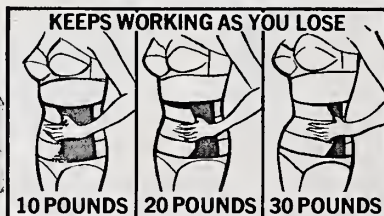
I suspect the sight of our dark, flak-riddled, oil streaked, crippled Fortress with two engines out on the same side, barely airborne, suddenly appearing over the treetops, must have so startled the village gun crews that their reactions were just a bit too slow. However, seconds later, "Satan's Lady" shuddered under a terrific hailstorm of fire and lead from the ground. With bullets and shells blasting into our plane every-

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where, clanging and ricocheting inside, it seemed absolutely impossible that we could all survive this last ordeal. I guessed we would probably go down within yards of safety, having come so far for nothing. With my head tucked between the empty twin machine gun receivers in the top turret for protection, two bullet holes ripped through the plexiglass dome an inch above my hair. About the same time, most of Captain Kilbride's windshield was blasted away, covering his face with splinters, but not penetrating his goggles.

Miraculously, our only additional casualty was our tail gunner who suffered a bullet wound through his forearm. A flying jacket on the waist floor, near our dead comrade, was ignited by a tracer bullet, but quickly extinguished. (Later, actual count would reveal well over 200 bullet holes in the fuselage and cabin.)

After what seemed an eternity, but was actually only a few minutes of my life, we were no longer under fire from the ground and were still airborne just above a low pine forest. However, there was a new and ominous sound from our faithful engines. Number one began to cough and spit out an occasional puff of black smoke. Captain Kilbride's calm voice sounded in our headsets, "Boys, I've got to set her down. Number one has lost its oil pressure and won't last much longer. We're going in!"

Just beyond the edge of the woods, there was a narrow field covered with tall weeds and small saplings. Instructing me to cut the cords holding the rudder pedals on his order, Captain Kilbride called out, "This is it, boys. Hang on!" At that instant number one engine coughed, sputtered and died. Captain Kilbride yelled for me to cut the cords. Our plane settled down into an almost normal approach, flattening several small saplings before bellying into the soft sod with a surprisingly gentle thump.

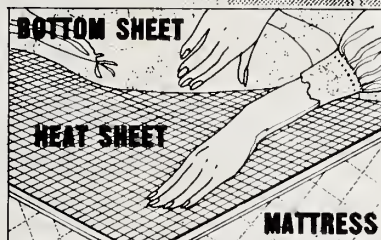
Immediately, several soldiers ran from the woods on our left. With an overwhelming sense of relief, we recognized the familiar "pot" shaped helmets of American GIs.

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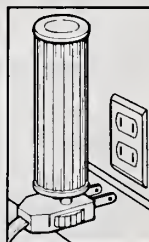
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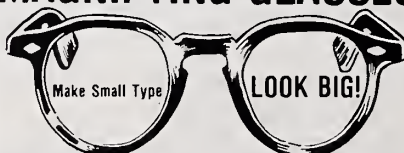
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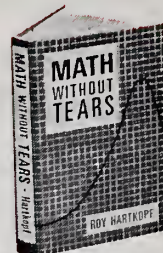
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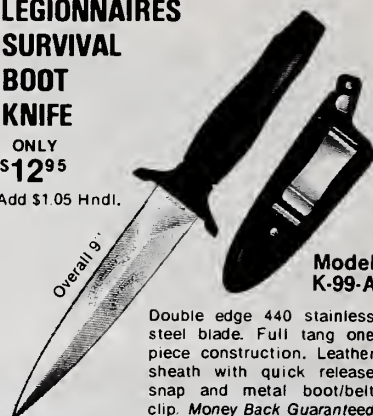


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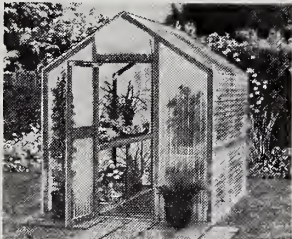
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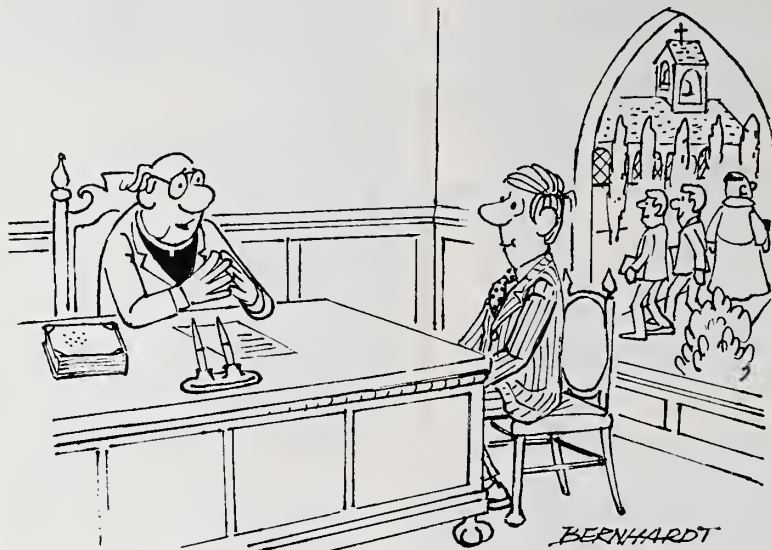
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Welfare Extended?

A Moscow father was complimenting another on his three sons.

"You must be mighty proud of them," he said. "One a people's doctor, one a people's lawyer and the other a people's artist."

"Yes, they're fine boys," said the father, "but the son I'm really proud of is in America."

"Oh, he's an American?"

"Yes, indeed—he's unemployed and gets money from the government. If it weren't for the dollars he sends home, we'd all starve."

—RON DANIELS

At the police station the indignant drunk demanded, "What I want to know is what I was brought in for."

"You were brought in for drinking," the sergeant replied.

"Well now, that's different," the drunk responded. "When do we get started?"

—HOWARD JAMES

Doctors don't make house calls any more—we all know—but things are getting worse as evidenced by a report from a woman who called an exterminator to find out if he could kill roaches. "Sure, lady," the exterminator said, "when can you bring them in?"

—MAXINE MORRISEY

Out of Bounds

Visitor on college campus: "Can you tell me where the science building is?"

Freshman: "I'm sorry, but I'm just here on an athletic scholarship."

—DANIEL FOWLER

Every time I start laying the groundwork for the future, the ground I'm standing on starts giving away.

—MARTHA J. BECKMAN

Icebreaker?

January thaws are wise provisions.

They give us needed wintermissions.

—RUTH M. WALSH

A man said to his friend sympathetically, "Tell me, how did you ever get yourself into such destitute circumstances?"

Replied the friend, "Well, when I had the world by the tail, I let go and reached for the moon."

—LOIS LARKIN

Anyone who thinks Christmas doesn't last all year doesn't have a charge account.

—LUCILLE J. GOODYEAR

After the Bang . . .

Atom bombs come in three sizes,
Perhaps you'd like to know,
Little ones and medium ones,
And "Where'd everybody go?"

—W. E. MORGAN

Whirly Girly?

The society matron on entering Heaven imperiously demanded of St. Peter, "Take me to my husband immediately. His name is John Jones."

"Oh, that poses a problem," the saint replied. "We have thousands of Joneses here. As for 'John Jones,' it will be almost impossible to locate him. However, you might have a clue that would help us. Often in crossing over from Earth, a last word or act leaves an identifying mark in eternity."

The matron thought a moment and replied, "I do recall that his last words were: 'If you are ever unfaithful to me, I shall turn over in my grave.'"

St. Peter turned quickly to an assistant and said, "Call Revolving Jones!"

—THERESA DAVOREN

Proof Positive?

The question about intelligent life on Mars To me is a subject of mirth!

Of course there is! It doesn't waste billions Finding out if there's life on Earth!

—RUTH RICHARDS

"Remember," warned the minister to his friend who was about to sign a television contract, "the big print giveth and the small print taketh away."

—MATTHEW DANIEL

If you're trying to become a top banana, do it without losing touch with the bunch.

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